

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
House Bill No. 707 By Representative Farrar**

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 707 by Representative Farrar, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1 through 4 and 18 proposed by the Senate Committee on Judiciary A and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2006, be adopted.
2. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 5 through 17 proposed by the Senate Committee on Judiciary A and adopted by the Senate on June 7, 2006, be rejected.
3. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 proposed by Senator McPherson and adopted by the Senate on June 16, 2006, be adopted.
4. That Senate Floor Amendments Nos. 3 and 4 proposed by Senator McPherson and adopted by the Senate on June 16, 2006, be rejected.
5. That the following amendment to the reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, delete lines 17 through 28, and on page 3, delete lines 1 through 10, and insert the following:

"(G)(1) Except for leases or operation agreements for port facilities, highways, qualified transportation facilities or airports, the state or its political subdivisions shall not sell or lease property which has been expropriated and held for not more than thirty years without first offering the property to the original owner or his heir, or, if there is no heir, to the successor in title to the owner at the time of expropriation at the current fair market value, after which the property can only be transferred by competitive bid open to the general public. After thirty years have passed from the date the property was expropriated, the state or political subdivision may sell or otherwise transfer the property as provided by law.

(2) Within one year after the completion of the project for which the property was expropriated, the state or its political subdivision which expropriated the property shall identify all property which is not necessary for the public purpose of the project and declare the property as surplus property.

(3) All expropriated property identified as surplus property shall be offered for sale to the original owner or his heir, or, if there is no heir, to the successor in title to the owner at the time of expropriation at the current fair market value, within two years after completion of the project. If the original owner, heir, or other successor in title refuses or fails to purchase the surplus property within three years from completion of the project, then the surplus property may be offered for sale to the general public by competitive bid.

(4) After one year from the completion of the project for which property was expropriated, the original owner or his heir, or, if there is no heir, the successor in title to the owner at the time of expropriation may petition the state or its political subdivision which expropriated the property to have all or any portion of his property declared surplus. If the state or its political subdivision refuses or fails to identify all or any portion of the expropriated property as surplus, the original owner or the successor in title may petition any court of competent jurisdiction to have the property declared surplus."

Respectfully submitted,

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Representative Rick Farrar

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Senator Joe McPherson

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Representative Glenn Ansardi

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Senator Arthur J. "Art" Lentini

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Representative T. Taylor Townsend

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Senator Reggie P. Dupre, Jr.