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The following communication was received.

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The Honorable Jerome M. Hughes President of the Senate

Dear Senator Hughes:

Please be advised that I am vetoing S.F. No. 510.

This bill relates to the imposition of rent controls on residential properties in Minnesota. It would prohibit any local government unit from imposing such controls, whether by ordinance "or otherwise". I interpret this language as prohibiting rent controls by a referendum of the residents of a community.

My disagreement with the bill stems from the method selected by the Legislature to accomplish the avoidance of rent controls. I believe that it is wholly inappropriate for the Legislature to impose its belief on this issue upon municipalities through an outright ban on local action.

I have made a commitment that my administration will do what it can to eliminate unnecessary state-imposed mandates on local governments. If our local government units are to fulfill their duty to local residents, they must have the tools to implement local desires. The ban proposed by this bill is contrary to this basic philosophy.

Before this bill passed, I expressed my reservations to the chief authors. I recommended that referenda imposing rent controls be permitted, but the authors rejected this solution. I stand ready to work with the authors over the interim to explore alternative ways by which rent control can be discouraged.

Sincerely,

Rudy Perpich, Governor

Mr. Moe, R.D. moved that S.F. No. 510 and the veto message thereon be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.