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The Honorable Allan H. Spear President of the Senate G-27 Capitol Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 290, Senate File No. 1407/House File No. 1727, the Omnibus Higher Education Appropriations bill.

This bill contains many fine provisions, some of which were contained in the budget I presented to the legislature in January; others were legislative initiatives. However, as of this morning, the aggregate result of appropriation bills passed, guarantees that the state will have to borrow its way to a balanced budget. To the best of my knowledge, the Minnesota Legislature has never knowingly adopted a budget with a built-in deficit; to do so now would amount to a breach of our commitment to the taxpayers of this state.

If the Legislature either now or in a special session determines that creating a cash flow account of \$400 million or setting in statute the mechanism to unallot to avert short-term borrowing, I would be happy to reconsider this and other appropriation bills.

We owe it to the taxpayers of this state to live within our means.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON

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