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ARNÉ H. CARLSON GOVERNOR

May 24, 1993

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

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 360, Senate File 544/House File 651, a bill providing that certain acts are an unfair labor practice.

Chapter 360 amends the Public Employee Labor Relations Act (PELRA) as well as laws governing private sector labor relations. This measure would make it an unfair labor practice for a public or private employer to fail to inform an employee of the employee's right to have a union representative present during an investigation or disciplinary interview.

Chapter 360 would seriously impede an employer's efforts to conduct an investigation. Both employers and employees share an interest in resolving investigations or disciplinary actions in a quick and fair manner. They should also share in the responsibilities and burdens of notifying employees of their rights. This issue is more appropriately decided in the negotiation process.

Second, as I stated in my veto message for Chapter 359, any and all changes to PELRA should be done only in the context of an overall review of this law. This would ensure that the interests of labor, management and the taxpayer are all appropriately considered.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON Governor

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