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May 24, 1993

The Honorable Dee Long Speaker of the House Minnesota House of Representatives 463 State Office Building Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Long:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 368, House File 1529/Senate File 0001, a bill relating to a study concerning reorganization of the environmental and natural resources agencies.

I am supportive of the concept of a legislative review of the proposals for reorganization of the environmental agencies proffered this legislative session, and my staff did work closely with the House authors to establish a structure for the proposed study which was acceptable to this administration. Unfortunately, the melding together in conference committee of the House and Senate versions took on many of the cumbersome provisions outlined in the Senate bill and would be untenable to implement. I might point out that the legislature does have the ability under current law to establish a legislative task force and conduct hearings during the interim. Perhaps that would provide a viable alternative to this legislation.

My personal commitment to reorganization of the state's environmental and natural resource agencies to provide for a better delivery of services to the public remains strong and perhaps is best reflected in the legislation introduced for this administration by Senator Morse and Representative Hausman.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON

Governor

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