Legislature have been received from the Office of the Governor and are deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State for preservation, pursuant to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 23:

S.F. No.	H.F. No.	Session Laws Chapter No.	Time and Date Approved 1998	Date Filed 1998
2040		338	10:54 a.m. March 31	March 31
2267		339	10:55 a.m. March 31	March 31
	2308	340	10:46 a.m. March 31	March 31
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	113	342	10:50 a.m. March 31	March 31
2966		343	10:58 a.m. March 31	March 31
2489		344	11:00 a.m. March 31	March 31
	3042	345	10:52 a.m. March 31	March 31

Sincerely, Joan Anderson Growe Secretary of State

April 2, 1998

The Honorable Allan H. Spear President of the Senate

Dear President Spear:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, S.F. Nos. 2445, 2302 and 3397.

Warmest regards, Arne H. Carlson, Governor

April 2, 1998

The Honorable Allan H. Spear President of the Senate

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 352, Senate File Number 2148, a bill which would amend current law pertaining to the use of absentee ballots.

This bill is very similar to one I vetoed during the 1997 session. I indicated then that I did not have major objections to the provision of the bill which required voters to simply indicate on absentee ballot applications why it is they are unable to vote in person, rather than being limited to a specific set of reasons. My position on this matter has not changed.

Nonetheless, I am vetoing this bill for the very reason I vetoed last year's legislation: Significant changes to election laws such as those proposed in this bill are too important to be entirely one-sided and lacking in bipartisanship. This is the same reason why I vetoed two other election law bills this session. The fact that only one Republican member of the House, and scant more in the Senate, supported this bill suggests to me that the deep-seated concerns of a number of legislators were not adequately addressed. Changes should have at least modest support from both sides of the aisle before being signed into law, and certainly not the vociferous opposition that accompanied this and other election law bills. This position is entirely consistent with my previous communications to the legislature and the Secretary of State's Office.

Warmest regards, Arne H. Carlson, Governor