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April 13, 2000

The Honorable Allan Spear President of the Senate 20 State Capitol Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 383, Senate File Number 76, a bill modifying DWI motor vehicle forfeiture proceedings requirements.

This bill does not require a financial institution to reimburse law enforcement agencies for their cost when the sale of the forfeited vehicle does not equal or exceed the loan balance. Current law provides an incentive for the lien holder to get the maximum value for the forfeited vehicle because they must pay the costs incurred by law enforcement before satisfying their lien. This bill eliminates the incentive and would result in increased costs to the taxpayers.

There are other workable provisions of this bill. However, based on this section of the bill and the fiscal implications, I am compelled to veto this bill.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura

Governor

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