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The Honorable Allan Spear President of the Senate 120 State Capitol Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 448, Senate File Number 2385, a bill exempting certain public hospital employees from the compensation limit.

This exemption is not necessary since there is already an existing process for public employers to request exemptions on a case-by-case basis. The Department of Employee Relations and the Legislative Coordinating Commission's Subcommittee on Employee Relations have responded positively to those exemption requests that demonstrate that the employer is competing in a national or regional market and would have problems attracting or retaining employees within the statutory salary limits. The current exemption process works and should not be circumvented with broad exclusions in statute.

For these reasons, I am vetoing this bill.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura

Governor

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