

Messrs. Chmielewski and Bernhagen introduced—

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S.F. No. 2114: A bill for an act relating to unemployment compensation; providing that benefits resulting from acts of God are nonchargeable to an employer's account; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 268.06, subdivisions 5 and 24.

Referred to the Committee on Employment.

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2114 relating to employment; regulating the administration of the unemployment compensation law; providing for the amount of benefits; regulating benefit eligibility; providing for employer contributions; transferring certain hearing functions and personnel to the office of administrative hearings; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 14.03, subdivision 2; 14.53; 16A.671, subdivision 1; 43A.18, subdivision 4; 179A.10, subdivision 1; 268.03; 268.04, subdivisions 24, 25, 29, and 30, and by adding a subdivision; 268.06, subdivisions 5, 8, 18, 19, and 20; 268.07, subdivisions 2 and 2a; 268.071, subdivision 1; 268.08, subdivision 3; 268.09, subdivisions 1 and 2, and by adding a subdivision; 268.10, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9; 268.12, subdivisions 8, 9, 10, and 13; and 268.18, subdivisions 1 and 2; Minnesota Statutes 1985 Supplement, sections 14.48; 14.51; and 268.08, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268.	3924	5051	4261 5095a	5051 5899	5155	5915	Veto 6108
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March 22, 1986

The Honorable Jerome M. Hughes
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Hughes:

I am returning without my signature Senate File 2114, a bill relating to unemployment compensation. This is an unfair and unbalanced bill which will impose hardship on those Minnesotans who can least afford it.

Although the inclusion of permanent, part-time employees in the unemployment compensation system is an improvement, the benefit cuts mandated by this bill hurt those who work only part of a year. Yet, for many of our citizens, their choice is to work part of the year or not at all. Our weather patterns, federal policies and international trade factors work together to create only seasonal work opportunities in important Minnesota industries

such as mining, forest products, agriprocessing and construction.

I strongly believe that there should be reform in our unemployment compensation system. That is why I created a special independent commission to provide a balanced view on this issue. We need to eliminate the debt that is burdensome to our employers, but we must do so in a way that shares the burden. That is what our commission recommended.

Unfortunately, the commission's balanced recommendations were rejected by those who preferred a political solution rather than a responsible solution.

Reform of our system is needed, and it is desired by our businesses and our workers. The solution before me, however, does not meet the crucial test of balance and fairness. Therefore, I am vetoing the bill and returning it to you.

Sincerely,
Rudy Perpich, Governor

March 24, 1986