

COMMUNICATIONS AND MESSAGES RECEIVED PRIOR TO
ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE AND NOT ACTED UPON

The following communications and messages were received prior to adjournment sine die and were not acted upon by the House:

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SAINT PAUL 55155

March 15, 1996

The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
The State of Minnesota

Dear Speaker Anderson:

I have vetoed and am returning H. F. No. 1303 (S. F. No. 1299) Chapter 325.

Chapter 325 would require state agencies to identify the non-English speaking communities it serves most frequently, prepare a communications plan, and appoint a liaison to work with these communities.

Unfortunately, the legislature has once again resorted to forcing a mandate on state agencies while specifically exempting themselves. As I stated in my state of the state speech, the legislature must begin to live by the laws they enforce upon others.

In addition to this issue, the bill represents a solution in search of a problem. Minnesota state agencies have a proven track record accommodating non-English speaking persons in need of assistance. We are proud of our record in this area. This bill would only burden state agencies and their clientele with additional mandates and bureaucracy.

Finally, the bill contains no mechanism to fund employees, mandated reports, or any activities resulting from these reports.

While the goal of making government more accessible to non-English speaking people is laudable, I cannot sign a bill with such serious shortcomings.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SAINT PAUL 55155

March 18, 1996

The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
The State of Minnesota

Dear Speaker Anderson:

I have vetoed and I am returning Chapter 327, H. F. No. 1540, S. F. No. 2461, a bill relating to the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund. This bill would allow members of the fund to purchase service credit for prior service outside the state of Minnesota.

This bill is similar to a bill I vetoed in 1994 (Laws of Minnesota 1994, Chapter 569). The concerns expressed regarding that legislation still remain with this bill.

The bill does not expressly prohibit the school district or any third party from making payments on behalf of the member. This is a flaw that leaves this issue unresolved.

I also remain very concerned about any pension legislation that might magnify already significant inequities among the benefit provisions of major public pension plans in Minnesota.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SAINT PAUL 55155

March 19, 1996

The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
The State of Minnesota

Dear Speaker Anderson:

I have vetoed and am returning House File No. 2953, Chapter 342.

This legislation requires that the Commissioner of Employee Relations develop a proposal for a pilot project to determine the feasibility of coordinating workers' compensation and insurance benefits for state employees. The legislation also mandates that this project shall be undertaken only if grants for this purpose are awarded to the commissioner.

This legislation is unnecessary, since the agency currently has the authority to perform this study. Absent a funding source to carry out this requirement, this legislation has no purpose.

Therefore, I have vetoed and am returning this legislation.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SAINT PAUL 55155

March 27, 1996

The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
The State of Minnesota

Dear Speaker Anderson:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 379, House File No. 2330, a bill that requests that the Saint Cloud area planning organization do a report.