

Senator Metzen moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House for a Conference Committee on H.F. No. 2972, and that a Conference Committee of 3 members be appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees on the part of the Senate, to act with a like Conference Committee appointed on the part of the House. The motion prevailed.

### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Without objection, remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, the Senate reverted to the Order of Business of Executive and Official Communications.

### EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

May 18, 2002

The Honorable Don Samuelson  
President of the Senate

Dear President Samuelson:

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. No. 3099.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Ventura, Governor

May 18, 2002

The Honorable Don Samuelson  
President of the Senate

Dear President Samuelson:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 378, Senate File Number 1755, a bill authorizing \$1.3 million for a study of a new statewide K-12 employee health insurance pool.

I am vetoing this bill first, because I do not feel that this study can be justified at a time of critical budget deficits and cuts in state government and state services. There are several health insurance pooling programs already in statute and available to K-12 employees, such as Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP), Service Cooperatives, and others.

Secondly, there have been several previous studies of statewide pooling concepts, as recent as 2000 by DOER. This study will not tell us anything we don't already know. The problem of escalating health insurance premiums for school districts and their employees will not be solved by S.F. No. 1755.

For these reasons, I vetoed this bill.

Sincerely,  
Jesse Ventura, Governor

**S.F. No. 1755:** A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a committee to gather information and make recommendations for the design of a school employee health insurance plan; authorizing raffles to support school district programs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 609.761, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.