

## EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

St. Paul, April 18, 1929.

*Hon. W. I. Nolan, President of the Senate.*

Sir: I am transmitting herewith pursuant to Section 11 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota a copy of a statement which I have today appended to S. F. No. 444,

"An Act to appropriate money for the current expenses, buildings and improvements at State institutions, for expenses of the State Board of Control and certain activities under the supervision or control of said board, and for other purposes; to appropriate money from the State Prison Revolving Fund for current expenses, buildings and improvements at the State Prison; to authorize the transfer of funds in certain cases; to extend balances of appropriations heretofore made; and to authorize the Executive Council to borrow money in certain cases," which bill, with said statement, I have today signed and deposited in the office of Secretary of State.

The said bill contains several items of appropriation of money, certain of which items, set forth in said statement, I have disapproved of and objected to.

Pursuant to the Constitutional requirement that I state my objections to said items, I submit the following:

Economic conditions throughout the State do not justify increase in public expenditures unless the need therefor is clear and imperative. The sum of the items objected to is not large, only \$91,000; but this increase, if permitted, will fall exclusively on real and personal property, owned largely by farmers, home owners and businessmen, whose tax burden is already much too heavy. Revenues from other sources remain practically constant, and increased expenditures can be made only out of revenues from property taxation, the rate of which is variable within the limits fixed by the Legislature.

The \$91,000 saved through these vetoes is small, but when added to other amounts which may be eliminated by the Legislature and the Governor, will prevent an increase in the tax levy which would be burdensome to the people.

The elimination of these items will not impose any hardship on the State institutions, or interfere with their successful functioning. The largest item, that of \$65,000 for the School for the Deaf, can be postponed for the reason that other facilities for the physical education of its pupils are and have been available. There is some question whether it should ever be necessary to provide a separate building for a gymnasium for an institution with only 250 pupils. Other schools with the same enrollment usually provide one room for this purpose, and I doubt whether the State would be setting the right example in erecting a building to be used exclusively for gymnasium purposes. The \$5,000 for gymnasium equipment, which is contingent on the erection of a building, is not needed if the gymnasium is not built.

The item of \$6,000 for land, at the School for the Feeble Minded can easily be postponed, for there is no claim that this land is needed for institutional purposes at this time. The item of \$4,000 for an artificial refrigerating plant at the Training School at Red Wing can be

dispensed with, for the institution has a good ice house and there is plenty of inmate labor to put up the ice. There are very few homes in Red Wing provided with artificial ice machines, and there can be no pressing need for giving to the boys at the training school better facilities than those enjoyed by over 95 per cent. of the taxpayers.

Ordinarily I would not object to appropriations for the Hospital for Crippled Children, for this institution not only is doing much practical good but has a strong sentimental appeal. But a reduction of the amount provided for improvement of grounds from \$5,000 to \$4,000 will not interfere with the comfort of the children, inasmuch as the school already has beautiful grounds; and the elimination of \$10,000 for completion of the basement of the west wing, for a use which is only occasional, will, I am informed, not seriously interfere with the proper functioning of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON,  
Governor.

*Whereas*, S. F. No. 444, a bill for "An Act to appropriate money for the current expenses, buildings and improvements at State institutions, for expenses of the State Board of Control and certain activities under the supervision or control of said board, and for other purposes; to appropriate money from the State Prison Revolving Fund for current expenses, buildings and improvements at the State Prison; to authorize the transfer of funds in certain cases; to extend balances of appropriations heretofore made; and to authorize the Executive Council to borrow money in certain cases," has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives, and has been presented to me as Governor, and

*Whereas*, the said bill contains several items of appropriations of money,

I, Theodore Christianson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, disapprove of and object to the following items of appropriation in said bill contained:

1. Item in Section 8: "Additional Land, available for year ending June 30, 1930, \$6,000."
2. Item in Section 11: "Gymnasium, available for year ending June 30, 1930, \$65,000."
3. Item in Section 11: "Gymnasium Equipment, available for year ending June 30, 1930, \$5,000."
4. Item in Section 13: "For building and equipping artificial refrigeration plant, immediately available, \$4,000."
5. Item in Section 18: "Completion Basement of East Wing, available for year ending June 30, 1931, \$10,000."
6. Item in Section 18: "Improving Grounds, available for year ending June 30, 1931, \$1,000."

I am approving the other portion of said bill and every other item thereof, and am appending this statement to said bill at the time of signing it, and am transmitting a copy of said statement to the State Senate.

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON,  
Governor of the State of Minnesota.

Dated April 18, 1929.