

S. F. No. 419 which the Committee recommends that the amendment offered by Mr. Peterson and adopted on March 26, 1953, be reconsidered. And further recommends that S. F. No. 419 be re-referred to the Committee on Labor, retaining its place on General Orders.

And then, on motion of Mr. Sullivan, the report of the committee of the Whole, as kept by the Secretary, was adopted.

S. F. No. 419 was re-referred to the Committee on Labor.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS—CONTINUED.

Saint Paul 1

March 27, 1953.

*Honorable Ancher Nelsen,
President of the Senate
State Capitol*

Mr. President:

I am returning S. F. No. 433 without my approval.

The purpose of this bill is to notify the president of the United States that there is no longer need for rent control in Minnesota. In effect it would bring rent control in this state to an end about April 30, 1953.

As I understand the existing federal act, the decision on need for rent control is placed in the hands of each community. It is my further understanding that since that provision was made in a 1951 amendment, no states have taken action of their own volition to decontrol. The purpose of the existing provisions then is to give municipalities the right to determine for themselves whether or not controls shall be continued.

The provisions of S. F. No. 433 take that right away from the municipalities.

In reaching my decision I call attention to the following:

1. Under existing law, any municipality is free to decontrol.
2. The governing bodies of 43 Minnesota cities, elected by the people and fully familiar with their local situations, adopted resolutions only months ago to continue control until April 30, 1953, and until then only. I believe we should defend the freedom of those cities to continue rent control if federal machinery is provided. If the congress extends control, each of these cities and villages will have to adopt

a new resolution. Why should the state take away that right?

2. In my belief the legislators speak the wishes of their constituents back home. In analyzing the votes in both houses of the legislature, I find that 53 of the people's representatives from districts now having rent control voted against S. F. 433 and only 32 voted for it, with 10 not voting.

In view of these facts, I believe I can conscientiously do only one thing. Therefore, without considering the merits or demerits of rent control, I am returning the bill without approval on the basis of protecting home rule.

Sincerely,

C. ELMER ANDERSON,
Governor .

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Mr. Julkowski moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 9:00 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Which motion prevailed.

H. Y. TORREY,
Secretary of the Senate.