

H. F. No. 3556, An act relating to Dakota county; authorizing the Dakota county board to appropriate funds necessary to the effective operation of the Dakota county nursing service committee and establish per diem rates for members thereof.

Sincerely,

WENDELL R. ANDERSON
Governor

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ST. PAUL 55155

April 3, 1974

The Honorable Martin O. Sabo
Speaker of the House

Sir:

I am returning H. F. No. 3400, the bill that includes increased salaries for our state legislators, without my signature.

I am convinced that the legislators of both parties who voted for this bill were sincere in their conviction that it was necessary to insure a future legislature of excellence.

But the public response to the salary increase has been unprecedented and almost entirely negative. The people of Minnesota have said "No" to a salary increase at this time. They have said it politely, but they have said it very directly and very firmly.

Under those circumstances, I believe it is the responsibility of all elected officials to respond to their judgment. The message has been very clear, and I have no doubt of its sincerity.

Nevertheless, I veto this legislation with reluctance and regret.

The performance of the 68th Minnesota Legislature, both in 1973 and 1974, has been outstanding. The flexible session arrangement has greatly increased the time that conscientious legislators must spend—and should spend—on the state's business.

The entire legislature responded to that increased workload with willingness and the commitment to serve our people well. They have my deep appreciation, and, I am sure, the appreciation of the people of our state.

There is no doubt that this increased demand on legislators will continue in the future. Present salaries are inadequate to

compensate for that demand. We have a high-quality citizen legislature, and I believe we are in danger of losing excellent members who are truly representative of our people and responsive to them.

I hope that the members of the Legislature will accept today's judgment by the people, as I have done. And I hope that you will work with renewed determination to convince our citizens of the need for adequate legislative salaries. With careful preparation, I believe the public can be made more sensitive to this problem in the future.

I want you to know that I intend to sign H. F. 2785, which provides that our state personnel board will submit recommendations for legislative salaries. As soon as the bill takes effect, I will ask the board to begin its study of the issue. Their recommendations will be before you and the people of the state before you meet again in 1975.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

WENDELL R. ANDERSON
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April 10, 1974

The Honorable Martin O. Sabo
Speaker of the House

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State the following House Files:

H. F. No. 2950, An Act relating to the Minnesota housing finance agency; revising limitations upon agency bonds and notes; providing for rehabilitation loans and grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1971, Sections 462A.02, Subdivisions 3, 6, and by adding a subdivision; 462A.03, by adding a subdivision; 462A.04, Subdivision 1; 462A.05, by adding subdivisions; 462A.07, Subdivisions 2, 3, 10, and by adding subdivisions; 462A.20, by adding a subdivision; 462A.21, Subdivisions 1 and 5, and by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes,