

April 13, 1976

The Honorable Alec Olson
President of the Senate

Sir:

I am returning S.F. 1841, the open appointment bill, without my signature.

In my judgment, this bill would create serious administrative problems and insure long delays in the filling of vacancies on significant boards, councils, commissions, and other state authorities. It would also inhibit qualified persons who do not wish to join in the public competition required to be appointed.

Sincerely,
Wendell R. Anderson, Governor

April 20, 1976

The Honorable Alec G. Olson
President of the Senate

Sir:

I am returning S.F. 2241, the Duck Stamp Bill, without my signature. I concur with the intent of the bill to increase development of waterfowl facilities in Minnesota. However, I have supported and already signed two license increases this session. S.F. 1530 imposed an increased vendor's fee for issuing licenses, and H.F. 2657 enacted increases of varying amounts for all hunting and fishing licenses.

Minnesota sportsmen have willingly assumed the burden of these two increases. I do not believe it is fair to ask them to endure a third in one legislative session.

The new increases will bring nearly 3.75 million dollars each year to the Department of Natural Resources. These revenues should make it possible to include provision for waterfowl developments in the 1977 DNR budget.

Sincerely,
Wendell R. Anderson, Governor