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EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

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The Honorable Jack Davies President of the Senate

Dear President Davies:

Returned to you herewith and unsigned please find S. F. 52, which amends *Minnesota Statutes* 1980, Section 210A.43, Subdivision 4. I do not believe that this bill is in the best interests of the citizens of Minnesota, and, therefore, I am hereby vetoing it.

Minnesota Statutes 1980, Section 210A.43 prohibits persons from denying

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political candidates and workers who accompany them access to various kinds of multiple dwelling units. Subdivision 3 of that Section provides that any candidate who is denied access to a multiple unit dwelling may seek injunctive relief in the courts to gain access to that dwelling. I believe that this form of injunctive civil relief is a more appropriate remedy for a candidate than the criminal sanction which would be imposed by S. F. 52.

It must be recognized that there is a fine line in such situations between protecting the right of privacy of individuals and ensuring political candidates access to the electorate. I believe that this fine line can better be delineated, and the rights of both parties more equitably protected, in a civil proceeding than by subjecting individual citizens to a petty misdemeanor charge.

Further, in an era where individuals are concerned for their protection against criminal activity, the likelihood that a person might deny access to a stranger who identifies himself or herself as a political candidate is too great to permit that innocent person to be subject to criminal sanctions.

For these reasons, after careful consideration, I have decided to veto S. F. 52.

Sincerely yours, Albert H. Quie, Governor

Mr. Moe, R. D. moved that the veto message and S. F. No. 52 be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

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