

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
SAINT PAUL 55155

May 10, 1994

The Honorable Irv Anderson  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
The State of Minnesota

Dear Speaker Anderson:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 635, H. F. No. 3011, a bill relating to transportation (with the exception of item vetoes on Page 20, lines 19-24; Page 21, lines 3-7; Page 21, lines 8-14; and Page 21, lines 15-20).

I am pleased with several items in this bill, including the creation of the "Mega Project" study commission and changes to the Municipal State Aid and County State Aid Highway systems.

However, I have item vetoed four provisions of this bill, each of which represents a significant cost to the state trunk highway fund, and none of which require funding in this non-budget year. The Department of Transportation indicates that Section 34 of the bill would require the appropriation of \$100,000 from the trunk highway fund, Section 36 would require \$250,000 from the trunk highway fund, Section 37 would require \$130,000 from the trunk highway fund, and Section 38 would require \$547,000 from the trunk highway fund. Furthermore, these four provisions represent unnecessary and overly burdensome micro-management by the legislature of the transportation responsibilities rightfully entrusted to MnDOT.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON  
GovernorSTATE OF MINNESOTA  
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Dear Speaker Anderson:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State Chapter 636, H. F. No. 2351, the omnibus crime bill (with the exception of item vetoes on Page 5, lines 31-33; Page 5, lines 47-48; Page 8, lines 16-24; Page 8, lines 25-35; Page 9, lines 38-41; Page 10, lines 4-19; Page 10, lines 20-29; Page 10, lines 30-34; Page 10, lines 35-40; Page 10, lines 41-48; Page 10, lines 49-54; Page 11, lines 37-48; Page 11, lines 52-53; Page 11, lines 54-56; Page 11, lines 57-58; Page 12, lines 30-37; Page 13, lines 22-38).

I sign this measure with some regret because I had hoped and worked for a successful crime package as one of the key ingredients of the 1994 session. I am disappointed with the work of the legislature: five months after laying out this administration's crime proposal I have received a bill which is too expensive and is soft on repeat offenders.

This bill is \$6 million over our crime spending targets for FY 95 and \$19 million over our crime targets for the next biennium. For the record, this administration along with IR legislators proposed \$123 million in new spending on crime over the next three years. In addition, our capital budget proposal contained \$71 million for prison expansion. The legislature saw fit to disregard these targets and get into an irresponsible bidding war on the crime issue, forcing me to exercise the item veto to trim spending.

The bill does contain some worthwhile provisions, some of which were contained in our crime package or supplemental budget. However, it does not include the "three-time loser" provision which called for mandatory minimum sentences for three time felons. I firmly believe that we must target our limited resources toward these repeat offenders who commit the vast majority of crimes.

The debate about further spending can be held during the regular budget session in 1995.

Warmest regards,

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Dear Speaker Anderson:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State Chapter 640, H. F. No. 3230, a bill relating to transportation policy (with the exception of item vetoes on Page 7, lines 18-28 and 34-36, and Page 8, lines 1 and 2).

I am pleased with several items in this bill, including the appropriation of an additional \$15 million for state highway construction projects, promoting safe driving in highway construction work zones, and the funding of Minnesota's share of a possible high speed rail feasibility study to be conducted in partnership with Wisconsin and the federal government.

However, to maintain fiscal stability in both the general fund and the trunk highway fund, I have issued item vetoes of two provisions of spending, neither of which require funding in this non-budget year. With regard to the item veto of additional trunk highway spending for state road operations, the Department of Transportation assures me that additional spending in this area is not necessary to meet the state's roadway maintenance needs. Furthermore, this appropriation would have significant adverse impacts on state highway construction funding in the next biennium.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON  
Governor