

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and I am returning Chapter 209, Senate File 734/House File 1290, a bill that would mandate changes to switch telephone equipment.

Clearly this legislation would impose costs on a broad range of private businesses and public agencies. I am very disappointed that this bill arrived at my desk without a note describing its fiscal implication. I believe this proposed change could have a beneficial effect. It should be pursued in a future legislative session when there is a better understanding of the full extent of its cost.

Without a clear statement outlining the costs of this legislation, I can not sign it into law. Unfunded mandates are unacceptable; a mandate with no idea of the cost is irresponsible. It is my duty to maintain a balanced budget. I take that responsibility seriously and will continue to veto legislation that endangers the finances of the State of Minnesota.

Warmest regards,
Arne H. Carlson, Governor

May 25, 1995

The Honorable Allan H. Spear
President of the Senate

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 221, Senate File 255/House File 398, a bill relating to electricians, elevator construction and repair regulation.

The registration requirement contained in this bill would force persons who are already qualified to perform elevator installation and repair to go through an additional, duplicative process of education and registration. This necessarily puts another level of bureaucracy in place, a practice I am vehemently opposed to.

This legislation is supposedly aimed at lessening elevator safety problems; however, documentation to support the existence of such a problem is absent. This appears to be an effort to legislate competence by forcing a registration requirement. Since elevator installation work is fiercely competitive, I firmly believe we should let the market and the reputation of the firm dictate who performs these services.

Warmest regards,
Arne H. Carlson, Governor

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Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 210, Senate File 381/House File 185, a bill regarding armory provisions modifications.

While this bill does contain certain provisions favorable to the Department of Military Affairs, it also includes an unfunded mandate resulting in a biennial cost of \$800,000 to the Veterans Home Board. This mandate would require the Board to furnish chiropractic care to its residents but includes no appropriation to pay for such services.

I simply cannot sign into law a bill that would negatively impact the Board to such an extent.

Warmest regards,
Arne H. Carlson, Governor

May 25, 1995