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Veto Message
Chapter 388, SF 3291

April 13, 2000
The Honorable Allan Spear
President of the Senate
120 State Capitol

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 388, Senate File Number 3291, a bill changing lien provisions for towed motor vehicles.

This bill will adversely affect the towing industry by forcing the industry to absorb the costs of towing and storing abandoned vehicles. Owners of the vehicles would bear no responsibility for the towing, storage or disposal costs of the vehicle, but would be permitted to obtain their possessions from the vehicle. Those possessions may be worth more than the vehicle itself. Under this bill, if the vehicle is sold for less than the amount of the lien, the bank or financing company would get the entire sum, and the towing company would receive nothing for their towing and storage costs.

This law could cause towing costs to increase significantly. Small towing companies may go out of business. Larger companies would

pass the costs on to paying consumers and the insurance industry, which would, in effect, raise insurance premiums for everyone. We ask towing companies to perform a service for the citizens of the state by removing damaged or broken down vehicles from our highways and streets. We should not be requiring them to do so at their own expense. For these reasons, I am vetoing this bill.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura

Governor

cc: Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader
Senator Dick Day, Minority Leader
Representative Steve Sviggum, Speaker of the House
Representative Tom Pugh, Minority Leader
Chief House/Senate Author
Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
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