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## Legislative Initiatives

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### Veto Message Chapter 425, SF 2484

April 20, 2000

The Honorable Allan Spear  
President of the Senate  
120 State Capitol

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 425, Senate File Number 2484, a bill requiring vehicles to be driven in the right-hand lane to the extent practicable.

This bill is unenforceable and will unnecessarily confuse drivers in the metropolitan area where there are many left exits and multiple lane highways. While posting signs instructing drivers to "MOVE TO THE RIGHT AFTER PASSING" may be a useful reminder to drivers, the language "to the extent practicable" is vague and subject to interpretation that makes the law difficult to enforce. This bill also fails to exempt the metropolitan area from this requirement. Interstate highways, particularly in the metro area, have multiple lanes and many left exits and entrances. These highways are often so congested that the left lane is needed to improve the capacity of the highway.

It is not feasible to require people to drive in the right-hand lane and to do so would significantly reduce the capacity of our highways and make it more difficult and dangerous to merge from an entrance ramp on to the highway. 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 Senate Author  
Chief House Author  
Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate  
Mr. Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk of the House  
Ms. Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State