

The Honorable Steve Sviggum
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Dear Speaker Sviggum:



Policy

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Special Session Chapter Number 4, House File Number 5, a bill appropriating money for economic development, with the following exceptions:



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Page 5, Article 1, Section 2, subdivision 2, lines 23-28.



The Administration

The \$500,000 appropriation for predesign of the Roy Wilkins auditorium and exhibit hall in St. Paul should be considered as part of the capital budgeting process, rather than funded separately in a biennial operating appropriations bill. Also, I am concerned about the lack of a matching requirement and I question why the state funds are the first dollars in the project.



Lt. Governor



First Lady

Page 5, Article 1, Section 2, subdivision 2, lines 38-46.

The \$ 100,000 appropriation to the Albert Lea Port Authority to remodel a building in an industrial park is a local project and is financed inappropriately from reductions in an important statewide program. Also, this project serves no clear statewide need.

Page 5, Article 1, Section 2, subdivision 2, lines 47-5 1.

The \$300,000 appropriation to the St. Paul Port Authority is for the 38-acre Trillium site, part of the Trout Brook Greenway corridor in St. Paul. This site should enter a competitive process for funding through the Department of Trade and Economic Development and should require a local funding match.

Page 8, Article 1, Section 2, subdivision 5, lines 36-42.

The \$50,000 appropriation for the Big Bear Education and Logging Center concept development is likely to lead to the submission of a capital bonding request.

These appropriations are capital projects that should be submitted through the current capital budget review process this summer so that they can be considered on an equal basis with other proposals of a capital nature.

Page 8, Article 1, Section 2, subdivision 5, lines 29-35.

The \$150,000 appropriation to local governments to plan and promote the 2004 Grand Excursion will promote tourism in a particular geographic area. This project cannot demonstrate a higher value than the other tourism expenditures that it replaces.

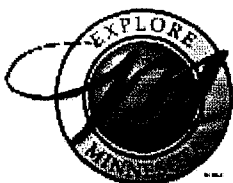
Page 20, Article 1, Section 7, lines 29-36.

The \$200,000 one-time appropriation to the State Board of Investment to pay staff **costs** related to focusing efforts on investing in Minnesota-based startup businesses. The implementing legislation was not enacted.

Sincerely,
Governor Jesse Ventura

cc:

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