

## EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Saint Paul  
March 18, 1949

*Honorable C. Elmer Anderson*  
*President of the Senate*

Dear Sir:

The following appointment is respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

William Revier, St. Paul, was appointed by me to fill the office of Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs, effective March 1, 1949, for the term ending March 1, 1953.

Sincerely yours,

LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL,  
Governor.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

With unanimous consent of the Senate, Mr. Miller moved that the foregoing appointment be referred to the Committee on Soldiers Welfare and Soldiers Home.

Which motion prevailed.

Which appointment was referred to the Committee on Soldiers Welfare and Soldiers Home.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Saint Paul  
March 21, 1949

*Honorable C. Elmer Anderson*  
*President of the Senate*  
*State Capitol*  
*Saint Paul, Minnesota*

Sir:

I am returning Senate File No. 435 without my approval.

This bill would set aside the limitation in the general law which restricts Winona to fifteen regular on-sale liquor licenses and allow authorities there to issue thirty such licenses, or double the number now permitted.

Winona now has ten clubs where liquor is sold under club licenses, in addition to the fifteen places with regular on-sale licenses, and fifty-two taverns licenses for the sale of 3.2 beer. It would seem that no lack of opportunity for the purchase of liquor or beer exists which would warrant taking Winona out of the general law and giving it special treatment.

Two considerations stand out as we examine the merits of this request:

1. Sponsors of this legislation said, among other things, in presenting their request, that most of the beer taverns in Winona are selling hard liquor and that it is necessary to increase the number of hard liquor licenses to get law enforcement. I cannot accept this view. It is tantamount to saying that government should throw up its hands and surrender when a few people indicate they do not wish to abide by the rules which the Legislature has formulated for welfare of the people as a whole. Law enforcement can be obtained, without any such compromise, if officials make a sincere effort to enforce the laws and the people indicate a desire to have them enforced. Whether or not we are going to have decent enforcement of the law does not depend on the number of liquor places. It depends in final analysis on the will of the people. We have a solemn obligation to protect the greatest resource we have, our boys and girls. We must have enforcement that will protect these young people, whether we have one license or thirty.

2. I can see no reason why Winona should be placed in a separate category and given special consideration over other municipalities. If Winona is taken out from under the general law and given a higher limitation, one municipality after another will ask for special treatment, and the whole program which has been designed to provide uniform regulation will break down. Except for very unusual circumstances, any change in the laws limiting number of liquor places should be made, not by piecemeal amendments for individual cities, but by changing the general law applying to all cities.

Respectfully yours,

LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL,  
Governor.

#### MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Dernek moved that the foregoing Veto Message from the Governor, together with S. F. No. 435, be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

S. F. No. 435, together with the Governor's Veto Message, was laid on the table.