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The Honorable Robert Vanasek
Speaker of the House
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Today I have signed into law Chapter 235, House File 1246/Senate File 944, a bill relating to energy conservation and improvement programs.

Additionally, Chapter 235 carries a \$1 million General Fund appropriation directing the State to improve the energy efficiency of residential oil-fired heating in low-income households. Because the Legislature's proposed budget is not in balance and this directive duplicates a nationally recognized program within the Department of Jobs and Training, the appropriation contained in Article I, Section 8 has been line-item vetoed.

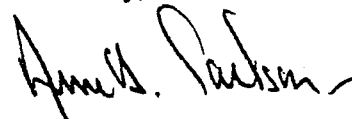
I have also line-item vetoed Article 7, Sections 1, 2 and 4 of Chapter 235. Section 1 directs the Department of Public Service to study the potential market within the State for photovoltaic devices. With a wealth of information available in the private sector on this subject, a limited State examination would not be a prudent use of the Department's resources. Section 2 mandates that the Department of Public Service study the need and impact of a possible carbon emissions tax. Since the Omnibus Environment and Natural



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Resources Appropriations Bill mandates two state agencies to study carbon emissions in an effort to identify ways to reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide levels, and promote energy conservation, this would be a duplicative effort. Finally, Section 4 contains the operative language appropriating \$55,000 to conduct these studies.

Sincerely,



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Governor

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- Senator Jerome Hughes, President of the Senate
- Senator Duane Benson, Minority Leader
- Senator Steve Novak, Senate Chief Author
- Representative Terry Dempsey, Minority Leader
- Representative Joel Jacobs, House Chief Author
- Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
- Mr. Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk of the House
- Ms. Joan Anderson Growe, Secretary of State ✓