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SECRETARY OF STATE

The Honorable Robert Vanasek  
Speaker of the House  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
State Capitol House Chambers  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have vetoed and am returning to you Chapter 87, House File 1455/Senate File 1330, which provides for two members to be appointed by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to the Minneapolis Reapportionment Commission.

The bill sets six standards for reapportionment of city park and recreation districts. The second of these standards states, "Each district shall consist of a convenient contiguous territory not more than twice as long as it is wide." The word "convenient" is not defined in this context.

Few areas of the law require more precision than does reapportionment. Absent a precise definition, it is impossible to tell what might be construed as "convenient" under this statute. For this reason, I believe it is unwise to proceed with legislation that may be as far reaching and precedent-setting as this bill.

Sincerely,

ARNE H. CARLSON  
Governor

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