



STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JESSE VENTURA

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May 25, 1999

The Honorable Steve Sviggum
Speaker of the House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

(New State Depts
bill)

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 250, House File Number 878, a bill appropriating money for the organization and operation of state government, with the following exceptions:

Page 8, article 1, section 12, subdivision 3 (a), lines 38-41 (\$220,000 the first year for continued intergovernmental information systems advisory council).

Page 11, article 1, section 12, subdivision 5, lines 27-44 (\$100,000 for bleacher safety grant funding). It is inadequate for its purpose, and the bleacher safety requirements are cost prohibitive

Page 12, article 1, section 12 subdivision 8, lines 29-37 (\$113,000 for grants to noncommercial television stations). Digital TV should be provided by the private sector. This is an expansion of the state's role and is in addition to substantial support already provided by the state for public television. This conversion should be funded by non-state sources.

Page 20, article 1, section 25, lines 8-37 (\$4,000,000 for Ice Center Grants and \$2,000,000 for Amateur Athletic Facilities and programs). This appropriation is more appropriately considered as part of a capital bonding request. I will consider it for inclusion in the 2000 capital budget.

The Honorable Steve Sviggum

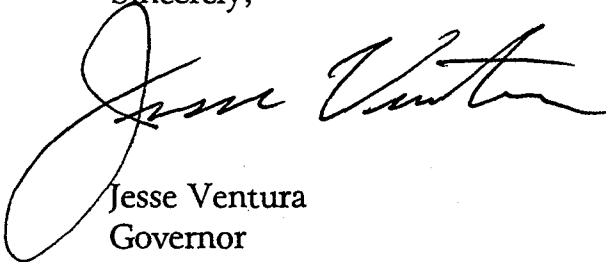
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Page 21, article1, section 27, lines 11-14 (\$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the second year as a one-time appropriation for Motherread/Fatherread). This significant increase was not requested by the Humanities Commission, there was no demonstrated need for the increase.

To be clear about which bill will provide the appropriation for state departments during the 2000-01 biennium, I have also vetoed SF2223.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse Ventura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long tail.

Jesse Ventura
Governor

- c: Senator Allan Spear, President of the Senate
- Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader
- Senator Dick Day, Minority Leader
- Representative Tom Pugh, Minority Leader
- Chief Senate Author(s)
- Chief House Author(s)
- Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
- Mr. Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk of the House
- Ms. Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State