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

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

I have signed HF3618, Chapter Number 393, a bill related to capital improvements, with the exception of the line item vetoes listed on the attachment to this letter.

When I presented my 2002 capital budget recommendations in January, they focused on projects of statewide and regional significance. In addition, all of the debt service costs associated with my capital budget recommendations were provided for F.Y. 2002-2003 *and* F.Y. 2004-2005 in my operating budget recommendations.

The Legislature has chosen to pass and present a significantly-expanded bonding bill that substitutes projects of local significance for those with statewide and regional significance such as the Northstar commuter rail line. In addition, the Legislature did not adopt a fully-funded budget plan that would pay for the added debt service costs in F.Y. 2004-2005.

As a result, I cannot in good conscience approve all the projects in the 2002 bonding bill. While many of these projects may be worthy of state investment, their funding will need to be delayed. I will not add approximately

\$73 million of additional debt service costs in the next biennium and needlessly increase the size of the projected deficit. We need to show restraint by not aggravating what is already likely to be a huge budget problem for the next Legislature.

While I have not line item vetoed Nicholson Hall, the flood hazard mitigation grants, and local bridges, I do not intend to release all the funding for each of these projects. I will release \$10 million dollars for Nicholson Hall, \$15 million dollars for flood hazard mitigation grants, and \$30 million dollars for local bridges. I further recommend that the next Governor, be it myself or

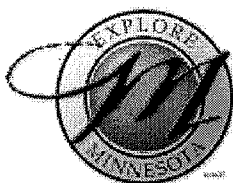
another person, only release the balance of the funding for these projects if the Legislature produces a balanced budget. I chose this course of action because each of the projects has merit but cannot be supported at the recommended level of funding given our budget situation.

Attached is a list of the specific line item vetoes I have made to HF 3618.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura
Governor

cc:Senator Don Samuelson
Senator Roger Moe
Senator Dick Day
Representative Tom Pugh
Senator Keith Langseth
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STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR JESSE VENTURA

Today I approved over five hundred million dollars in capital projects. In addition, I vetoed just slightly less than four hundred million dollars worth of projects.

I am sure that every project in the bonding bill was extremely important to its advocates. Indeed, some of the projects that I vetoed may have had value for all Minnesotans. However, no matter how valuable a vetoed project was deemed to be, the legislature spent too much money on capitol projects and therefore I felt compelled to bring the total cost of the bill down to a reasonable level.

Had the legislature balanced our operating budget into future budget cycles when the debt service for these projects will come due, I may not have made as many vetoes. My message to advocates of the vetoed bills is that in many cases I did not reject projects based on their value, but rather delayed them until the legislature does its job and passes a budget that guarantees that we can afford the projects' debt service.

Next year the legislature will face many difficult decisions. To make up for a projected \$2.5 billion dollar deficit they will either have to raise taxes or make substantial cuts to an already stressed budget for state services. Once they have made those tough decisions I may be willing to revisit some of the capitol projects vetoed in this bill.



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APPROVED 2002 BONDING PROJECTS

(\$ in 000s)

University of Minnesota:

HEAPR 35,000

St. Paul Plant Growth Facility 17,700 1/3 UF

Duluth Science Facility 25,500

*Nicholson Hall 24,000 1/3UF

Systemwide Classroom Improvements 2,000 1/3 UF

Crookston Bede Hall 7,701 1/3 UF

Subtotal 111,901

MnSCU:

HEAPR 60,000

Normandale Phase II 9,900 1/3 UF

Minneapolis CC Remodeling 9,000 1/3 UF

Metro State University 17,442 1/3 UF

Alexandria TC Remodeling 9,150 1/3 UF

Winona Science Facility 30,000 1/3 UF

Moorhead Science Facility 18,955 1/3 UF

Systemwide Science Lab Renovations 1,900 1/3 UF

Century CC Remodeling 2,500 1/3 UF

Subtotal 158,847

Perpich Center for Arts Education:

Asset Preservation 643

Performance Hall Catwalk 125

Subtotal 768

CFL: Red Lake School Renovation 12,400

MN State Academies: Asset Preservation 1,500

Department of Natural Resources:

Statewide Asset Preservation 2,600

Field Office Renovations and Repair 1,000

Office Facilities Development 1,500

ADA Compliance 500

Forest Roads and Bridges 1,200

Well Sealing 600

Luce Line Trail 300

Douglas Trail 300

Willard Munger Trail 300

Dam Repair and Reconstruction 650

**Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants 30,000

State Park Repair Initiative 23,500

Metro Regional Parks 6,000

RIM Critical Habitat Match 1,000

Subtotal 69,450

PCA: Closed Landfill Program 10,000. **Agriculture:** RFA Loans 15,000 UF

Mn Zoo: Asset Preservation 3,000

OEA:

Fergus Falls Solid Waste Combuster 1,150

Administration:

Statewide CAPRA 14,000

Capitol Complex Electrical Work 3,231

Agency Relocation 1,500 GF

Lab and Office Facilities 60,000

Subtotal 78,731

Capitol Area Architectural Board:

Capitol 2005 Repairs 646 GF

Military Affairs:

Asset Preservation 2,500

ADA Improvements 357

Facility Life Safety Repairs 1,000

Subtotal 3,857

Transportation:

***Local Bridge Repair and Renovation 45,000

Metropolitan Council:

Northwest Metro Busway 20,000

Commerce: Energy Investment Loans 5,000 UF

Human Services:

Systemwide Roof Replacement 2,789

Systemwide Asset Preservation 4,000

Systemwide Building Demolition 2,750

St. Peter RTC Power Conversion 3,619

Fergus Falls Program Facilities 3,000

Subtotal 16,158

Veterans Homes Board:

Asset Preservation 2,000

Hastings Building Preservation 8,553

Silver Bay Roof Replacement 2,345

Subtotal 12,898

Corrections:

Asset Preservation 17,000

Lino Lakes Bed Expansion 4,160

Shakopee Renovation 3,070

Subtotal 24,230

Trade and Economic Development:

PFA Wastewater Matching Funds 16,000

Mn Historical Society: Asset Preservation 2,442

Sibley House Site Improvements 300

Fort Snelling Improvements 500

Subtotal 3,242

MHFA: Transitional Veterans Housing 16,200

Bond Sale Expenses 880

TOTAL -- "A" LIST 510,529 GO

44,000 On Hold

70,183 UF

2,146 GF

626,858 All Sources

* \$14m of \$24m to be put on hold

** \$15m of \$30m to be put on hold

*** \$15m of \$45m to be put on hold.

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VETOED PROJECTS

University of Minnesota:

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Jones Hall 8,000

Morris Science Facility 8,600

• Research and Outreach Centers 2,438 1/3 UF

Translational Research 24,700

Institute of Technology and Teaching Design 3,000 1/3 UF

• Morris Swine Facilities 70 1/3 UF

St. Paul Veterinary Facilities 1,500 1/3 UF

Subtotal 48,308

MnSCU:

SW State Library Remodeling 9,200 1/3 UF

Virginia Lab Remodeling 5,496 1/3 UF

BSU Tech Design 1,000 1/3 UF

Dakota TC Tech Design 500 1/3 UF

Fergus Falls CC Student Services Design 760 1/3 UF

Hennepin TC Remodeling 2,000 1/3 UF

Inver Hills CC Student Services Design 500 1/3 UF

Lake Superior Student Services Design 700 1/3 UF

Mankato Athletics Facility 8,400 1/3 UF

• listed as one time item veto on the Journal of the House veto message.

Mn West Worthington Nursing 6,300 1/3 UF
NW Tech Moorhead Health Design 400 1/3 UF
Ridgewater Hutchinson Labs 2,880 1/3 UF
South Central Tech Labs Design 300 1/3 UF
SE Tech/ Winona Student Services 580 1/3 UF
St. Cloud State Remodeling 10,000 1/3 UF
St Cloud Tech WFC 700 1/3 UF
Statewide System Land Acquisitions 1,000 1/3 UF
Subtotal 50,716

CFL:

Library Accessibility Grants 1,000
Early Childhood Facility Grants 2,000
Southwest Metro Magnet School 1,000
Minneapolis Planetarium 9,500
Asian Community Center 1,000
Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center 700
Neighborhood House El Rio Vista 1,800
Trollwood Performing Arts Center 5,500
Subtotal 22,500

DNR:

Red River Recreation Area 2,900
Big Bog Recreation Area 1,600
Greater MN Regional Parks 4,000
Red Rock Rural Water System 125 McQuade Safe Harbor 1,100
Crookston Dam Improvements 1,050

Rapidan Dam Improvements 100
 State Park Acquisition 3,000
 Como Conservatory 2,700
 Reforestation 1,500
 State Forest land Acquisition 500
 Gitchi Gami Trail 725
 Shooting Star Trail 450
 Blazing Star Trail 600
 Goodhue Pioneer Trail 475
 Paul Bunyan Trail 500
 - State Trail Connections 500
 - New Ulm Trail 500
 - St. Louis Park Trail 492
 - Lake Koronis Trail 365
 Metro Greenways 1,000
 Lewis and Clark Water System 180 GF
 Stream Protection and Restoration 1,000
 Water Access & Fishing Piers 1,500
 Fish Hatchery Improvements 300
 Fisheries Acquisition 500
 + SNA Acquisition 1,000
 + **Seminary Fen 1,500
 Natural & Scenic Area Grants 1,000
 Prairie Bank Easements 1,000
 Subtotal 32,162

- Listed as one line item on the journal of the House veto message.
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Office of Environmental Assistance:

Capital Assistance Grants 3,600

Board of Water and Soil Resources:

Lazarus Creek Flood Mitigation 1,500

Local Govt Wetland Replacement 2,700

RIM 2,000

Streambank & Lakeshore Erosion Control 750

Browns Creek 1,300

Subtotal 8,250

Agriculture: Metro Greenhouse Expansion 292

MN Zoo: Asia Trail & Master Plan 8,184

Amateur Sports Commission:

National Sports Center Conference Center 5,000

Mount Itasca Biathlon Facility 250

National Volleyball Center - Rochester 3,000

Subtotal 8,250

Administration:

Olmsted County Predesign 700

Governor's Residence Relocation 45 GF.Governor's Residence Renovation
4,246

Subtotal 4,991

Arts Projects:

Bloomington Arts Center 1,000 GF

Minneapolis Children's Theater 5,000

Guthrie Theater 24,000

Rochester Arts Center 1,000 GF

Subtotal 31,000

Transportation:

Port Development Grants 3,000

△ Port of Savage Improvements 3,500

△ Port of Winona Improvements 3,500

Greater Minnesota Transit Grants 2,000

Statewide Public Safety Radio System 13,000

Local Share - Trunk Highway Projects 10,000

Local Routes of Regional Significance 10,000

Town Road Signs 1,000

Duluth Aerial Lift Bridge Repainting 1,000

DM&E Rail Mitigation Study 500 GF

Subtotal 47,500

Metropolitan Council:

Central Corridor Planning 1,000

Livable Communities Grant Program 9,000

Park and Ride Lots 500

Subtotal 10,500

Health:

Dental Clinics 775

Corrections:

Bayport Storm Sewer 1,550

Stillwater New Desegregation Unit Predesign 90

Subtotal 1,640

△ Listed as one line item veto in the Journal of the House veto message.

Human Services:

People, Inc. 375 GF

Brainerd RTC Building 20 6,305

Subtotal 6,680

Trade and Economic Development:

Redevelopment Grant Program 4,000

WIF Grants 30,000

WIF Grant Administration 600 GF

Mpls Empowerment Zones 3,000

St. Paul Phalen Blvd 8,000

Greater MN Business Development Grants 12,000

Fairmont Sports Complex 500

Grand Rapids Discovery Museum 300

Olivia Ag Inovation Center 1,000, St. Cloud Convention Center Design 3,250

St. Paul Roy Wilkins Auditorium 4,000

St. Paul Renaissance Project 2,000

Subtotal 68,650

IRRRB: Mesabi Trail Station 1,500

Military Affairs:

Camp Ripley Anti-Terrorism Facility 500

MN Historical Society:

Local Grants 300

Fort Belmont Restoration 200

New Brighton Caboose 100 GF

Pipestone County Museum Elevator 125

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Subtotal 725

TOTAL -- "V" LIST 333,643 GO

19,280 UF

3,800 GF

356,723 All Sources. **2002 BONDING BILL**

(\$ in 000's)

G.O. BONDING 888,172

G.O. BONDING VETOED 333,643

Subtotal 554,529

G.O. BONDING PROJECTS ON HOLD: (44,000)

Nicholson Hall (\$14,000 of \$24,000 on hold)

Flood Hazards (\$15,000 of \$30,000 on hold)

Local Bridges (\$15,000 of \$45,000 on hold)

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AND AVAILABLE 510,529

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