Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Adams, J.  Esau  Johnson, N.  Munger  Schwarzkopf
Adams, S.  Everson  Johnson, R.W.  Murray  Searle
Albertson  Fena  Johnston, R.S.  Nelson  Shorex
Andersen, R.  Fischer  Jopp  Newcome  Sillers
Anderson, D.  Fitzsimons  Keefe  Norton  Sillers
Anderson, H.  Flakne  Klaus  O'Dea  Skaar
Anderson, I.  Forseth  Kleinbaum  O'Neill  Skeate
Anderson, T.  France  Knutson  Pavlak, R.  Smaby, Mrs.
Bang  Frenzel  Krenik  Pavlak, R.L.  Sommerdorf
Barr  Fudro  Lam  Peterson  Stangeland
Barrette  Gearty  Larson  Prifrel  Swanstrom
Becklin  Gimpl  Laurian  Rappana  Theis
Bell  Graw  Lee  Renner  Tichen
Brinkman  Grussing  Lemme  Richie  Tomczyk
Chamberlain  Grussing  Lindahl  Rutter  Trygg
Christianson, R.  Gustafson  Lindstrom  Ryan  Voelxland
Christianson, M.  Hall  Long  Sather  White
Cina  Hanson  McFarlin  Salchert  Wingard
Cook  Hartie  McMillan, Mrs.  Savelkoul  Winter
DeGroat  Hoppe  Meyer  Schafer  Wright
Dickinson  House  Miller  Scherer  Yngve
Dirlam  Humphrey  Mitchell  Schulz  Mr. Speaker
DuBois  Johnson, C.A.  Morlock  Schuman, M.
Dunn  Johnson, C.M.  Morris  Schumarn, M.
Engelbrecht  Johnson, J.  Mueller  .

So the bill was passed and its title agreed to.

Mr. Dirlam moved that the House recess to the call of the Chair. The motion prevailed.

RECESS

RECONVENED

The House reconvened and was called to order by the Speaker.

There being no objection the order of business reverted to Petitions and Communications.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received:

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
ST. PAUL 55101

May 20, 1967

The Honorable L. L. Duxbury
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dear Sir:

To date I have approved every bill you have sent me but I am herewith returning H. F. No. 1292 without my approval.

I am certain that the Legislature and the people have expected that the Governor would take no other action. I made a promise
to the people of Minnesota and I simply refuse to compromise my integrity. I will not break my word.

During the campaign I promised the people that as their Governor I would veto any sales tax bill that did not contain a prior referendum giving the people the opportunity to express their opinion on whether this major new tax should be imposed under existing circumstances.

I have offered a balanced budget. I have offered a program of substantial relief and reform in my budget message without any new taxes and in the areas where, in accordance with the party platform and my statements, there was the greatest need of relief and reform.

In addition, I have since offered to enlarge my tax program to permit improvements resulting in a proposed tax reform and relief program of over 280 Million Dollars for the biennium but still without a major new tax. I also indicated to the Legislature that I would approve a sales tax bill that contained genuine reform as well as giving real and personal property tax relief if it contained a prior referendum. My proposals so far have not been accepted. Instead, this sales tax bill, without provision for a referendum, has been presented to me. There is, therefore, no alternative left to me.

Although I have not approved this bill, the choice is not this sales tax bill or nothing. We have another course of action which I urge you to take. We can join together to develop a substantial tax reform program based on the plans I have proposed which could be the greatest step toward tax reform in the history of our State without imposing major new taxes. The program I have suggested, utilizing some of the Legislators’ proposals for improvement over my original recommendations, could result in the following:

1. $60.00 homestead credit to every home owner in 1968.
2. $5.00 per capita aid to municipalities.
3. Elimination of personal property taxes on livestock.
4. Elimination of personal property taxes on manufacturers’ inventories.
5. A reduction of 50% personal property tax on farm machinery, retailers’ inventories and wholesalers’ inventories.
6. Additional special real estate tax relief to senior citizen home owners.
7. Eliminate the state property levy required to finance the next year’s biennium building program.

In addition to these items of financial relief, we can also enact other substantial reforms we all agree are necessary, such as an improvement in the assessor system, providing an understandable real estate tax statement, and other administrative
reform, and this can be done without the burden of a 3% general sales tax.

With the exception of the field of taxation, we have combined to propose and enact one of the most comprehensive programs in recent legislative history. It has now been suggested by some that if we cannot have a sales tax we should go home without accomplishing any major measure of tax reform. This I believe would be untenable and would not bring credit to the Legislature. I am sure the people who elected you and who elected me expect us to do what we can about tax reform. While some might be disappointed by not doing it all in one year, which would require substantial new taxes, they certainly would be doubly disappointed if we took no action at all on a program of relief and reform that would not require major new taxes. I therefore ask you to enact the program I have recommended which does not necessitate hundreds of millions of new taxes.

Sincerely,

HAROLD LEVANDER, Governor of Minnesota

Mr. Dirlam moved that H. F. No. 1292 be now reconsidered and repassed, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding, pursuant to Article IV, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

The question recurred on the motion of Mr. Dirlam to reconsider and repass H. F. No. 1292, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding, pursuant to Article IV, Section 11, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

Mr. DuBois moved that Mr. Miller be excused from voting. The motion prevailed.

The question being taken on the reconsideration and repassage of the bill, and the roll being called, there were yeas 96, and nays 37, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Adams, S.  
Albertson  
Anderson, R.  
Anderson, D.  
Anderson, H.  
Bang  
Barr  
Becklin  
Chamberlain  
Christensen, R.  
Cook  
DeGroat  
Dickinson  
Dirlam  
Dunn  
Erdahl  
Ericson  
Esaau  
Everson  
Falkenhagen  
Fitzsimons  
Flakne  
Forseth  
France  
Frenzel  
Gimpl  
Graw  
Grussing  
Grusys  
Gustafson  
Hali  
Hartlie  
Hegstrom  
Henning  
Hoppe  
Humphrey  
Johnson, C.A.  
Johnson, C.M.  
Johnson, J.  
Johnson, N.  
Johnson, R.W.  
Jopp  
Keefe  
Klaus  
Kleinbaum  
Knutson  
Krenik  
Kvam  
Larson  
Laurian  
Lemme  
Long  
McFarlin  
Meyer  
Mitchell  
Morlock  
Morris  
Mueller  
Murray  
Nelson  
Newcome  
O'Dea  
O'Neil  
Overgaard  
Rappana  
Renner  
Sathre  
Schafer  
Scherer  
Schulz  
Schwartzkopf  
Searle  
Schaaf  
Sills  
Skar  
Smith  
Stangeland  
Stone  
Swanstrom  
Trygg  
Voxland  
Weaver  
White  
Wingard  
Winter  
Wolcott  
Weight  
Yngve  
Mr. Speaker

Those who voted in the negative were:

Adams, J.  
Anderson, L.  
Barrette  
Brinkman  
Carlson  
Christianson, M.  
DuBois  
Cina  
Engelbrecht

The motion prevailed.