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April 7, 1980

Honorable Fred C. Norton
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives
State Capitol Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Norton:

Returned to you herewith please find House File No. 1837. Section 4, Subdivision 3 of this Act is unacceptable, and I am, therefore, compelled to veto this legislation.

Section 1 of the Act, authorizing issuance of temporary insurance licenses under certain circumstances, and Sections 2 and 3 of the Act, extending the Joint Underwriting Association Act...
until September 1, 1982, are sound legislative measures. Had these measures been sent to me without the amendment of Section 4 to the Act, I would be able to sign H. F. No. 1837.

However, the provision of Section 4 which voids the workers' compensation rate hearing which is presently in progress is not a constructive step in addressing the high workers' compensation premium rates in Minnesota. Arbitrarily stopping this hearing would waste thousands of hours of time and hundreds of thousands of taxpayers' and employers' dollars already spent on the current hearing. Further, the credibility of the administrative rate-making process established by the legislature would be destroyed to the long-run detriment of employers, injured employees and insurers.

The main intent of the legislature, as embodied in Section 4, Subdivision 1 of this Act, will be accomplished by the Commissioner of Insurance. It is not acceptable to cancel the hearing.

Therefore, while I am vetoing H. F. No. 1837, I am taking steps to assure that the Commissioner of Insurance has all of the necessary information about Minnesota's workers' compensation business available to him during the current rate-making hearing. I have directed Commissioner Markman to work with the Hearing Examiner to assure that the Workers Compensation Rating Association provide all of the significant and relevant information based solely on Minnesota workers compensation policies which is required for the Commissioner to make a fully-informed decision on workers compensation rates.

This administrative procedure will assure that workers' compensation rates are decided in an open forum with full information available to all interested parties without wasting the significant time and resources already committed to the current rate hearing. Though I am vetoing this Act, I am confident that the problem addressed by the legislature will be solved and that we will continue to take every responsible step available to reach a solution to our workers compensation problem in Minnesota.

Sincerely yours,

ALBERT H. QUIE
Governor

Carlson, L., moved that H. F. No. 1837 be now reconsidered and repassed, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding, pursuant to Article IV, Section 23, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

The question was taken on the motion to reconsider and repass H. F. No. 1837, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding, pursuant to Article IV, Section 23, of the Constitution of the