

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Speaker Harry Sieben
House of Representatives
State Capitol
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am vetoing H. F. No. 1132 which increases spending and taxes by \$97.8 million. At the time I prepared my revised recommendation for the 1982/83 biennial budget, the financial and program needs of the recipients of state appropriations were carefully scrutinized. This scrutiny stemmed from the fact that every dollar reduced from state expenditures was one less dollar we would need to raise by increasing taxes on our citizens.

My review resulted in an overall budget which, in my judgment, adequately funds the programs and services supported by the State.

In presenting that budget for your consideration, I repeatedly stressed my conviction that additional spending beyond the overall amount I proposed would not be acceptable. I took this position for the following reasons:

- First, it was and remains my judgment that the spending level I have proposed is adequate,
- Second, in this period of economic adversity any tax increase should be rejected unless absolutely necessary, and
- Third, our experience of the current year should have taught us the need to control the growth of government spending to avoid similar problems in future years.

Therefore, for these reasons I am returning H. F. No. 1132 to you.

Sincerely,

ALBERT H. QUIE
Governor