

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received:

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SAINT PAUL 55155

May 8, 1981

The Honorable Harry A. Sieben, Jr., Speaker
House of Representatives
276 State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am vetoing H. F. 326. This Act, if allowed to become law, would continue the Catastrophic Health Expense Protection Program in an amended form.

When I first recommended elimination of the Catastrophic Health Expense Protection Program, I cited three reasons: first, the rapid growth in cost, projected in January to be \$25 Million for the upcoming biennium; second, the lack of a means test; and third, the lack of incentive to purchase catastrophic health insurance.

In regard to my first concern, I have indicated for several months my willingness to have the Legislature reassign priorities within my budget recommendations, while observing my total spending figure of \$8.6 Billion. But in order to spend more in certain areas, other programs must be reduced. The Legislature has sent me a bill calling for spending \$12 Million more than my budget and has not indicated to date where they intend to reduce \$12 Million from my budget.

My second concern with the existing catastrophic health program is the lack of a means test to determine what assets an individual may have. Although the Senate originally had approved a modest means test, the final bill does not include one, and I still maintain that it is a reasonable requirement.

Finally, H. F. No. 326 does not contain any incentive to individuals to purchase insurance. What is provided is a reward after the fact by allowing the premiums paid to apply toward the deductible amount.

Several measures were provided in the bill which indicate a sincere effort on the part of the Legislature to apply controls to the program. These include a time restriction on eligible charges, reinstatement of a \$2500 minimum amount payable, and inclusion of language pertaining to utilization of Health Maintenance Organizations. However, my primary concerns have not been fully addressed.

Therefore, I remain concerned with the design and cost of the program and the fact that it exceeds my budget. Since no bill with a corresponding reduction has been given to me, I am

choosing to veto the legislation rather than increase the taxes necessary to fund this \$12 Million program.

Sincerely,

ALBERT H. QUIE
Governor

Swanson moved that H. F. No. 326 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 re-pass H. F. No. 326, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding, pursuant to Article IV, Section 23, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota and the roll was called viva voce.

There were 79 yeas and 55 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Anderson, B.	Drew	Kelly	Novak	Shea
Anderson, G.	Eken	Knickerbocker	O'Connor	Sieben, M.
Anderson, I.	Elioff	Kostohryz	Ogren	Simoneau
Anderson, R.	Ellingson	Lehto	Osthoff	Skoglund
Battaglia	Fjoslien	Lemen	Otis	Staten
Begich	Greenfield	Long	Peterson, D.	Stumpf
Berkelman	Gustafson	Luknic	Pogemiller	Swanson
Brandl	Hanson	Mann	Reding	Tomlinson
Brinkman	Harens	McCarron	Rees	Vanasek
Byrne	Hauge	McEachern	Reif	Vellenga
Carlson, D.	Hokanson	Metzen	Rice	Voss
Carlson, L.	Jacobs	Minne	Rodriguez, C.	Welch
Clark, J.	Johnson, C.	Munger	Rodriguez, F.	Wenzel
Clark, K.	Jude	Murphy	Samuelson	Wynia
Clawson	Kahn	Nelson, K.	Sarna	Spkr. Sieben, H.
Dahlvang	Kalis	Norton	Schoenfeld	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Aasness	Friedrich	Kaley	Olsen	Sherwood
Ainley	Gruenes	Kvam	Onnen	Stadum
Blatz	Halberg	Laidig	Peterson, B.	Stowell
Dean	Haukoos	Levi	Piepho	Sviggum
Dempsey	Heap	Ludeman	Redalen	Valan
Den Ouden	Heinitz	Marsh	Rose	Valento
Erickson	Himle	McDonald	Rothenberg	Weaver
Esau	Hoberg	Mehrkens	Schafer	Welker
Evans	Hokr	Nelsen, B.	Schreiber	Wieser
Ewald	Jennings	Niehaus	Searles	Wigley
Forsythe	Johnson, D.	Nysether	Sherman	Zubay

Not having received the required two-thirds vote the bill was not repassed.