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The Honorable Robert Vanasek  
Speaker of the House  
State of Minnesota  
463 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have vetoed Chapter 132, House File 378/Senate File 306, a bill authorizing a land exchange between the State and a resident of the City of Aitkin. I have taken this action because careful review and research indicate that the legislation is unconstitutional.

The bill attempts to exempt this particular land exchange from Minnesota Statutes, Sections 94.341 through 94.349. These sections implement the requirements of Article XI, Section 10 of the State Constitution, which establishes that unanimous approval of the Land Exchange Board is necessary to make these kinds of State land transactions. Thus, by allowing the Legislature to cause this transaction to happen without the consent of the Land Exchange Board, the State would be engaging in an unconstitutional act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Arne H. Carlson".

ARNE H. CARLSON  
Governor

c: Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader  
Senator Florian Chmielewski, Senate Chief Author  
Senator Jerome Hughes, President of the Senate  
Representative Paul Anders Ogren, House Chief Author  
Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate  
Mr. Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk of the House  
Ms. Joan Anderson Growe, Secretary of State

