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The Honorable Jerome M. Hughes
President of the Senate
State of Minnesota
328 State Capitol
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155


Dear President Hughes:

I have vetoed and am returning to you Chapter 307, Senate File 505/House File 530, a bill relating to a private sale of public land and a state-county land exchange. The land exchange, involving Itasca State Park, is a sensible policy, but the bill is deficient on constitutional grounds.

The Constitution specifies that exchanges of state lands are to be approved by the Land Exchange Board. This bill does not provide for involvement of the Board in the exchange. I have vetoed two land exchanges already in this session for the same reason.

The land exchange in this bill would solve a problem which the Legislature created in 1985 by drawing the boundaries of Itasca State Park around 120 acres of land owned by Clearwater County. The Legislature declared that ownership of the land would remain with the County until an exchange for state land of equal value. The County objected to this act, and it took five years to reach this compromise. Unfortunately, the Legislature will have to try again to set this matter straight.

Sincerely,


ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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Senator Duane Benson, Minority Leader
Senator Gary Laidig, Senate Chief Author
Representative Robert Vanasek, Speaker of the House
Representative Terry Dempsey, Minority Leader
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