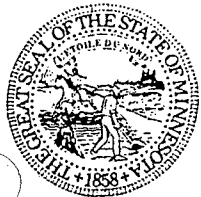


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ARNE H. CARLSON
GOVERNOR

May 14, 1993

The Honorable Dee Long
Speaker of the House
Minnesota House of Representatives
463 State office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Long:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 174, House File 947/Senate File 896, a bill relating to the sale of tax forfeited land adjacent to public waters.

Minnesota law clearly sets forth the procedure to follow when a jurisdiction desires to dispose of tax forfeited land adjacent to public waters. Minnesota Statutes section 282.081, subd. 1(d) clearly states that the authority must submit a proposal for disposition to the Department of Natural Resources, which shall then seek approval from the legislature. This procedure is intended to ensure that the public's interest in our natural resource is adequately protected.

The disposition of Hubbard County land that is authorized in Section 2 of this bill is in conflict with the above-cited statute. The proposed disposition was never presented to or reviewed by the DNR before being acted upon by the legislature. The Department has evaluated several other land sale proposals and submitted recommendations to the legislature. There has been no indication that this statutory process is in any way flawed.

The land transaction specified in Section 2 of this bill bypassed the review process that has been established. It is my firm belief that it is in the best interest of the resources and the people of Minnesota to allow sound policy to work as intended. This veto is intended to deliver that message.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arne H. Carlson".

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor



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Mr. Patrick Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
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