May 5, 1994

The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Anderson:

I have vetoed and I am returning Chapter 555, House File 2925, a bill requiring that certain leased lakeshore lots in Cook county be reoffered for public sale.

Section 2 of this bill requires the Commissioner of Natural Resources to cancel the sale of a parcel of trust fund land on Caribou Lake in Cook County, and reoffer it for sale. I believe it is a violation of the department's fiduciary responsibility to the school trust to cancel the valid sale and relinquish its claim against the high bidders. It would also appear to raise an issue under Minnesota Constitution Article XII section 1 about whether this grants "to any private corporation, association, or individual any special or exclusive privilege, immunity or franchise."

Further, it would establish a dangerous precedent that would have the potential to affect the sale of mineral, timber and other real property that is managed for the benefit of Minnesota schools.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON
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