

I have the honor to inform you that the following enrolled Acts of the 1994 Session of the State Legislature have been received from the Office of the Governor and are deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State for preservation, pursuant to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 23:

S.F. No.	H.F. No.	Session Laws Chapter No.	Time and Date Approved 1994	Date Filed 1994
1996		595	4:50 p.m. May 9	May 9
	2658	602	4:30 p.m. May 9	May 9
	2762	603	4:52 p.m. May 9	May 9
788		610	4:37 p.m. May 9	May 9
	2617	611	4:52 p.m. May 9	May 9
2197		612	4:28 p.m. May 9	May 9
	1316	613	4:40 p.m. May 9	May 9

Sincerely,
 Joan Anderson Growe
 Secretary of State

May 10, 1994

The Honorable Allan H. Spear
 President of the Senate

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 621, Senate File 1944, a bill relating to the minimum wage.

The 1994 legislative session produced little in the way of pro-jobs legislation. Workers' compensation reform was scuttled. Welfare reform never reached my desk. Instead, the legislature has sent me a bill which would rank Minnesota as the third highest minimum wage state in the nation.

An increase of this magnitude in the minimum wage would cost Minnesota thousands of jobs. The adverse effects of such an increase would be concentrated in those industries employing the very workers that increase proponents want to assist. Small, independent businesses would be hardest hit. More than three-quarters of the lost jobs would be in the retail trade and service sectors, particularly tourism activities in outstate Minnesota.

The myth used by proponents is that a minimum wage increase will help low-income Minnesotans. In fact, two-thirds of all minimum wage earners are part-time; less than one percent are male heads of households and less than eight percent are female heads of household, most of whom receive public assistance. Public assistance recipients who work will not benefit as they will have a dollar for dollar reduction in financial grants.

An increase of this size also hurts many state efforts. Our summer youth programs run by the Departments of Natural Resources and Jobs & Training would have less dollars available to hire young Minnesotans. Any increase accelerates the expense of state and federal unemployment taxes, workers'

compensation rates, employers' share of FICA, fringe benefits, and other items indexed to salaries.

The answer to the minimum wage debate is action at the federal level: a wage adjustment mechanism tied to the cost-of-living index and applied nationally. This must be a Congressional initiative and I will contact the Minnesota delegation to promote this effort.

Warmest regards,
Arne H. Carlson, Governor

May 10, 1994

The Honorable Allan H. Spear
President of the Senate

Dear President Spear:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 642, Senate File 2168, a bill relating to agriculture (with the exceptions of item vetoes on Page 16, lines 24-36; Page 17, lines 1-25; Page 17, lines 32-36 and Page 18, lines 1-10; Page 18, lines 24-29; Page 18, lines 35-36 and Page 19, lines 1-7; Page 19, lines 25-36 and Page 20, lines 1-7; Page 20, lines 20-25; Page 22, lines 19-23).

With this, as with many other pieces of legislation sent to me by the legislature this session, I have been forced to carefully scrutinize the provisions contained and make difficult decisions regarding spending reductions in order to maintain a strong fiscal position for the state of Minnesota.

We have worked closely with the Department of Agriculture to best utilize the available dollars for the maximum benefit to the agricultural community as a whole. Many of the items that have been removed from the bill are items that could be more suitably dealt with next year during the biennial budget process. What remains is a package that reaffirms my strong commitment to the agricultural community.

Warmest regards,
Arne H. Carlson, Governor

May 10, 1994

The Honorable Allan H. Spear
President of the Senate

Dear President Spear:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 625, Senate File 2192, the 1994 MinnesotaCare bill (with the exception of item vetoes on Page 245, lines 52-60; Page 245, line 61 and Page 246, lines 1-7).