

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).

The \$200,000 appropriation to the Attorney General is unnecessary. The Commissioners of Health and Human Services are actively pursuing a strategy to increase Minnesota's Medicare reimbursement rate, and the Commissioners do not feel that additional assistance from the Attorney General is needed. The second item veto refers to an appropriation from the health care access fund to the general fund. Since this bill calls for a complete reassessment of funding for the MinnesotaCare program as well as the potential integration of the General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC) and Medical Assistance (MA) programs into MinnesotaCare, I feel it is prudent to hold off on changes to the previously mentioned funds until the entire package of expenditures and funds is reassessed during the 1995 legislative session.

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 632, Senate File 2913, a bill relating to state government (with the exceptions of item vetoes on Page 6, lines 33-41; Page 8, lines 1-36; Page 8, lines 58-59; Page 10, lines 1-7; Page 10, lines 47-54; Page 10, lines 55-56; Page 11, lines 8-11; Page 11, lines 17-22; Page 11, lines 23-31; Page 11, lines 39-49; Page 12, lines 51-54 and Page 13, lines 1-3; Page 13, lines 4-9; Page 13, lines 10-13; Page 24, lines 9-12; Page 44, lines 16-36; Page 45, lines 1-16; Page 51, lines 34-36; Page 51, lines 37-41; Page 52, lines 23-29; Page 52, lines 30-40; Page 55, lines 8-12; Page 55, lines 13-15; Page 100, lines 25-27; Page 101, lines 37-41; Page 101, lines 55-57 and Page 102, lines 1-9; Page 102, lines 36-55; Page 103, lines 33-37; Page 103, lines 38-42; Page 103, lines 43-48; Page 103, lines 49-57 and Page 104, lines 1-5; Page 104, lines 18-24).

Again, I have trimmed some of the spending in this bill by removing items that are not emergencies because of the need for a balanced budget. We can responsibly address these needs in the context of a regular budget session next January.

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, S.F. Nos. 1961, 1948, 2429, 180, 2015, 1662, 103, 2289, 1706, 2540 and 2129.

Warmest regards,
Arne H. Carlson, Governor