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The Honorable Irv Anderson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
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Dear Speaker Anderson:

I have vetoed and I am returning Chapter 117, House File 1485/Senate File 1171, a bill to permit protective agents to escort oversized loads on Minnesota highways.

This bill would endanger public safety. We need to provide the highest possible measure of safety when moving loads that can encroach on an opposing lane of traffic. The Minnesota State Patrol and local police officers are fully trained to direct and control traffic, have been trained as medical first responders, are directly connected to statewide emergency communications, and can cite motorists for violating their directions. In addition, the officers are off-duty and therefore are not diverted from other responsibilities while attending these loads.

Private escort services are simply not capable of providing such an important and comprehensive series of safety measures.

I will not allow the safety of motorists on Minnesota's highways to be endangered by having less than thoroughly capable and proficient escorts for these risky assignments.

Warmest regards,

ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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