

ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Tuesday, April 2, 1996

The Senate met at 9:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Mr. Knutson imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

Prayer was offered by Senator Pat Piper.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Anderson	Frederickson	Krentz	Morse	Reichgott Junge
Beckman	Hanson	Kroening	Murphy	Riveness
Belanger	Hottinger	Laidig	Neuville	Robertson
Berg	Janezich	Langseth	Novak	Runbeck
Berglin	Johnson, D.E.	Larson	Oliver	Sams
Betzold	Johnson, D.J.	Lesewski	Olson	Samuelson
Chandler	Johnson, J.B.	Lessard	Ourada	Scheevel
Cohen	Johnston	Limmer	Pappas	Solon
Day	Kelly	Marty	Pariseau	Spear
Dille	Kiscaden	Merriam	Piper	Stevens
Finn	Kleis	Metzen	Pogemiller	Stumpf
Fischbach	Knutson	Moe, R.D.	Price	Terwilliger
Flynn	Kramer	Mondale	Ranum	Vickerman

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received.

April 1, 1996

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 Secretary of State Chapter 395, Senate File 2849 (with the exceptions of Section 2, clause (a) on page 2, lines 17 through 29; and Section 2, clause (c) on page 3, lines 48 through 60, and on page 4, lines 1 through 10).

I have line item vetoed the \$50,000 for "Loan Repayment Assistance." This appropriation sets a bad precedent for the future of higher education funding. Targeted resources or financial aid should be directed to students who are struggling to attend institutions currently, and not to

someone who has successfully graduated. One has to be curious when the legislature is prepared to pay back loans for certain attorneys while failing to extend this presumed virtue to doctors, nurses, etc.

I have also line item vetoed the \$1,500,000 for "State Grants." In a time when colleges and universities, especially the University of Minnesota, are struggling to provide quality programs with limited resources, this appropriation is a particularly poor use of state resources. Under this appropriation the amount of aid that would flow to students is about \$26 per student. This amount is not nearly significant enough to influence student attendance or choices. In addition, changes in financial aid should be made in the budget year as they were last year.

The rest of the 1996 higher education omnibus bill is disappointing. The administration requested \$15 million in programs for higher education and of this amount the legislature saw fit to fund \$8.8 million of that request. The legislature took it upon themselves to "veto" \$200,000 in funding for Grants to Community Organizations, and they reduced planning funds for the Statewide Online Information system by \$100,000. But the most disturbing action of the legislature was their reduction in funding for the University of Minnesota's Academic Health Center. The Administration requested \$14.5 million and the legislature returned with only \$8.6 million.

Warmest regards,
Arne H. Carlson, Governor

Mr. Moe, R.D. moved that the foregoing veto message be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the House refuses to concur in the Senate amendments to House File No. 3012:

H.F. No. 3012: A bill for an act relating to metropolitan government; modifying a certain levy limitation for the metropolitan council; allowing for distribution of funds from the tax base revitalization account to development authorities; authorizing the metropolitan council to issue bonds; requiring a transfer between certain accounts of the council; amending Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 473.167, subdivision 2a; Minnesota Statutes 1995 Supplement, sections 473.167, subdivisions 2 and 3; and 473.252; Laws 1989, chapter 279, section 7, subdivision 6; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 473.167, subdivision 5; Minnesota Statutes 1995 Supplement, section 473.167, subdivision 3a.

The House respectfully requests that a Conference Committee of 5 members be appointed thereon.

Long, Brown, Rest, Skoglund and Garcia have been appointed as such committee on the part of the House.

House File No. 3012 is herewith transmitted to the Senate with the request that the Senate appoint a like committee.

Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted April 1, 1996

Mr. Mondale moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House for a Conference Committee on H.F. No. 3012, and that a Conference Committee of 5 members be appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees on the part of the Senate, to act with a like Conference Committee appointed on the part of the House. The motion prevailed.