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The Honorable Allan Spear  
President of the Senate  
120 Capitol  
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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 455, Senate File Number 2702 (with the exception of page 3, section 2, lines 4 through 21).

I have line-item vetoed the provision calling for the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to spend \$200,000 to dialogue about telecommuting and conduct public opinion polls via the Internet, and make recommendations to the legislature. This provision duplicates a number of state-wide, multi-agency efforts in this area. The Department of Administration currently has policies, procedures, training, and necessary agreements in place to be followed by state employees wishing to telecommute. A number of other state agencies are currently in the process of performing pilot projects in this area. To single out a particular project to operate outside existing efforts is unnecessary.

Article 6 of this bill contains provisions that allow Minnesotans to appoint a "Designated Parent" and to include an identifier on their driver's licenses to this effect. The individual bills containing the establishment of this program did not pass either the House or Senate. These provisions were not included in either version of this bill prior to the conference committee deliberations. An explanation from legislative leadership about how this provision was included, in direct violation of legislative rules, should be demanded by the public. Once again, the legislature refuses to obey their own rules, and the public is forced to live by provisions which have essentially circumvented the legislative process.

This bill also raises the speed limit for certain highways. I have instructed the Commissioner of Transportation to use his authority under the bill to keep the speed limit on freeways and expressways at 55 mph. The speed limits task force convened jointly by the Departments of Public Safety and Transportation had recommended increased speeds only if coupled with increased safety measures.

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This bill attempts to increase some speeds without including those recommended safety measures. In addition, while this administration had requested and budgeted for additional state troopers in order to provide our highways with round-the-clock coverage, the legislature chose to ignore this request. This administration will not allow increased speeds without an increased patrol complement. The public's safety must prevail over the urge by some to drive ever faster.

Warmest regards,



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