

S.F. No. 2586 was read the third time, as amended by the Conference Committee, and placed on its repassage.

The question was taken on the repassage of the bill, as amended by the Conference Committee.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 55 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Anderson	Hanson	Kleis	Morse	Robling
Beckman	Higgins	Knutson	Murphy	Runbeck
Belanger	Hottinger	Krentz	Novak	Sams
Berg	Janezich	Langseth	Ourada	Samuelson
Berglin	Johnson, D.H.	Larson	Pappas	Scheevel
Betzold	Johnson, D.J.	Lesewski	Pariseau	Scheid
Cohen	Johnson, J.B.	Lessard	Piper	Spear
Day	Junge	Limmer	Pogemiller	Stumpf
Dille	Kelley, S.P.	Lourey	Price	Ten Eyck
Foley	Kelly, R.C.	Marty	Ranum	Terwilliger
Frederickson	Kiscaden	Metzen	Robertson	Vickerman

So the bill, as amended by the Conference Committee, was repassed and its title was agreed to.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Without objection, remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, the Senate reverted to the Orders of Business of Executive and Official Communications, Messages From the House and Reports of Committees.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received.

April 3, 1998

The Honorable Allan H. Spear
President of the Senate

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning ~~Chapter 365, Senate File Number 2532~~ the Family and Early Childhood Omnibus Bill.

The spending in this bill far exceeds the budget that I had submitted to the 1998 Legislature in this area and is the main reason for the veto of this bill.

Last year I proposed an historic budget increase for child care, Head Start and other children and family programs. The basic sliding fee child care program, for instance, received an increase of over 130% over the last biennium. With these funds, we have provided subsidized day care to over 5,600 families. The Head Start program received a funding increase of 63%, enough to provide services to an additional 900 children.

In addition, the tax credits for dependent care provisions, in an omnibus appropriations bill, are troublesome. First of all, tax credits belong in a tax bill and, constitutionally, they should be contained in a house file and not a senate file. Financially, this provision creates future tails that will place these credits in direct competition, under the purview of the same legislative finance divisions, with vital children and family programs that we have developed. This is not acceptable.

Finally, it may be well for the legislature to remember that when they went to the people for a constitutional amendment allowing for annual sessions, the understanding was that the legislature wanted this session to be brief, focused on emergency legislation including the bond bill, and that the bulk of the time would be spent reviewing and evaluating programs that the legislature created. It appears obvious that the legislature has drifted far off this target. Even-year legislative sessions

should not be allowed to become full-blown tax and spend sessions. How about considering limiting even-year sessions to three weeks and giving the public a constitutional amendment that will allow them to create a unicameral legislature?

Warmest regards,
Arne H. Carlson, Governor

Ms. Junge moved that S.F. No. 2532 and the veto message thereon 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. 3654:

H.F. No. 3654: A bill for an act relating to utilities; modifying the membership of the legislative electric energy task force; requiring comprehensive study of electric industry restructuring; amending Minnesota Statutes 1997 Supplement, section 216C.051, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

The House respectfully requests that a Conference Committee of 3 members be appointed thereon.

Jennings, Hilty and Ozment have been appointed as such committee on the part of the House.

House File No. 3654 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 3, 1998

Mr. Moe, R.D., for Mr. Novak, moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House for a Conference Committee on H.F. No. 3654, and that a Conference Committee of 3 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. Moe, R.D. moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted, with the exception of the reports pertaining to appointments. The motion prevailed.

Ms. Berglin from the Committee on Human Resources Finance, to which was referred

S.F. No. 3411: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing for matching funds for federal disaster relief; appropriating money.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. [APPROPRIATIONS.]

The sums in the column under "APPROPRIATIONS" are appropriated from the general fund to be spent for tornado relief, as specified in this act, in the area designated under Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster, DR1212, whether included in the original declaration or added later by federal government action. The appropriations are available until June 30, 1999, unless otherwise specified. If there is a shortage of funds in any of the programs under section 2, 3, 4, or