April 21, 1998

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 407, Senate File Number 3346, with the exception of the following line item vetoes: page 10, subdivision 6, lines 23-32; and page 15, subdivision 7, lines 26-57.

An appropriation of $100,000 to the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging is line-item vetoed. This appropriation is to provide technical support and planning services. It is inappropriate that one particular area agency on aging should receive state funding for administrative support when the other agencies around the state rely on and raise funds through the community. This appropriation would undermine the work of those other agencies and encourage greater reliance on state funds in the future.

I have also line item vetoed a $25,000 appropriation to the Department of Human Services for a study of day training and habilitation capital needs. It is inappropriate for a state agency to assess the capital needs of a private industry. If the day training industry feels that there are unmet capital needs, they should study the issue and provide that information to the Legislature.

Warmest regards,
Arne H. Carlson, Governor