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Senator Stumpf moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House for a Conference Committee on H.F. No. 2380, 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.

Without objection, the Senate reverted to the Order of Business of Executive and Official Communications.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received.

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The Honorable Allan H. Spear
President of the Senate

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning **Chapter Number 106**, Senate File Number 303, a bill to partially repeal the seat belt gag rule.

It is not the place of the legislature or the executive branch to determine what evidence is, or is not, admissible in a court of law. By partially repealing the seat belt gag rule, an unfair advantage will be given to one party in the courtroom. Juries should hear all of the arguments and facts in a case before rendering a decision.

Additionally, the enactment date of this bill is immediate and would affect pending litigation. I believe that it is wrong to enact legislation that favors one party over another and that will affect the outcome of pending litigation.

After two vetoes of the same partial repeal, I expect the legislature to introduce a bill to repeal the entire seat belt gag rule. Only a full repeal will ensure citizens the right to introduce evidence at trial that is germane to their cases and allow the other party to refute the evidence on the same terms. Given the obvious interest in this issue, I look forward to signing into law a full repeal of the seat belt gag rule next year.

Sincerely,
Jesse Ventura, Governor

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that S.F. No. 303 and the veto message thereon be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that the name of Senator Beckman be stricken as chief author and the name of Senator Ziegler be added as chief author to S.F. No. 783. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dille moved that the name of Senator Wiener be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 884. The motion prevailed.

Senator Larson introduced--

Senate Resolution No. 79: A Senate resolution congratulating Randy Hansen of Alexandria, Minnesota, for receiving the Eagle Award.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

*This bill veto
was overridden.*