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### Veto Message Chapter 412, SF 3387

April 14, 2000

The Honorable Allan Spear  
President of the Senate  
120 State Capitol  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 412, Senate File Number 3387, Abortion Informed Consent.

[My public statement on this veto is attached.](#)

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura

Governor

cc: Senator Roger Moe, Majority Leader  
Senator Dick Day, Minority Leader  
Representative Steve Sviggum, Speaker of the House  
Representative Tom Pugh, Minority Leader  
Chief Senate Author  
Chief House Author

Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate  
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Ms. Mary Kiffmeyer, Secretary of State

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# Governor Jesse Ventura

Remarks to Governor's Staff/SF 3387

April 14, 2000

Good Afternoon.

It's been a remarkable few days.

You have all worked very hard and for the past week have been under constant stress.

For your hard work and your tremendous loyalty to this office, the people of Minnesota, and to me, I want to thank you.

From the bottom of my heart, I want you to know how important you all are to me.

Yesterday, a legislator who has been around this business for many years told me that no governor, over the last twenty years, has been faced with a decision like the one I have been faced with this past week.

But you have served me well. I am proud of you and proud of the way we have come together to make this very important decision.

I have talked to family, friends, and advisors.

I have heard from the good people of Minnesota.  
And listening to the people has brought me back to the convictions that have always been the centerpiece of my administration.

Convictions like:

Personal responsibility,

Self sufficiency, and

Limited Government.

Therefore I have decided.

I decided that those deeply held convictions would not allow me to sign this bill.

**I have decided that it is wrong for government to assume a role in something that I always believed was between a woman, her family, her doctor and, if she chooses, her clergy.**

**And so today I vetoed Senate File 3387.**

**Sure, we tried to find a way.**

**Together, we were willing to explore whether an acceptable bill could be achieved.**

**And we learned something.**

**We learned that there is no middle ground here.**

**And so now we move on.**

**Thank you for bearing with me,**

**Because after all this, I want you to know, that I still believe...**

**Working together – we will not fail.**

**Thank you.**