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The Honorable Steve Sviggum  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
463 State Office Building

Policy

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

For Citizens

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter Number 217, the omnibus family and early childhood education appropriations bill. As you are aware, this is the only omnibus spending bill passed during the regular session and I have concerns with both the legislative process and legislative product.

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First and foremost, I am vetoing this bill because I have pledged that I would not sign any appropriations bills before a tax bill reaches my desk. My top priority continues to be tax reform, and I will require a completed tax bill before I put my signature on any of the spending bills.

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A key early childhood initiative, forecasted consolidation of child care programs, was not included in the conference report, although both the House and Senate bills included consolidation. As you know, there are important policy and financial links between this bill and the health and human services bill. I still believe that consolidation is an important reform to support low-income working families. Because total child care needs and resources will be affected by decisions on extending welfare time limits, I encourage the coordination of the work of the family and early childhood education committee with the committee dealing with the health and human services bill.

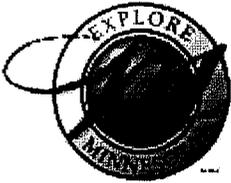
Finally, the haste with which this agreement was rushed through--without time for even cursory review--resulted in numerous technical errors and omissions. As I have stated, I hope to avoid future problems like this by requiring a 48-hour review period prior to calling the special session. This is the best way to be sure that the bills that are enacted reflect the policies

that were intended.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura  
Governor

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