

Anderson, B. Holberg Kuisle Molnau Pawlenty Workman  
 Buesgens Johnson, J. Lindner Mulder Rifenberg  
 Eastlund Kielkucki Lipman Olson Seifert  
 Gerlach Krinkie McElroy Paulsen Wilkin

The bill was passed, as amended, and its title agreed to.

There being no objection, the order of business reverted to Petitions and Communications.

### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received:

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
 SAINT PAUL 55155

March 27, 2002

The Honorable Steve Sviggum

Speaker of the House of Representatives

The State of Minnesota

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter No. 280, H. F. No. 197, a bill providing grants to noncommercial television stations and authorizing bonds for a metropolitan bus garage.

In 1999, I line-item vetoed \$113,000 for grants to noncommercial television stations in the omnibus state government finance bill. At the time, I was concerned about expanding the state's role beyond the substantial support already provided for public television. I expressed my view that digital TV conversion should be funded by non-state sources.

Last year, the legislature included \$7.8 million for digital TV conversion in the state government finance bill passed during the special session. I signed that bill since it also included language requiring the Commissioner of Administration and the Minnesota Public Television Association to negotiate an agreement specifying uses for digital capability to serve state and local government needs before the grants could be distributed.

The parties were required to finalize an agreement by January 15, 2002, or the appropriation would cancel to the general fund. Upon reviewing the contract and in light of the state's economic condition, I decided not to enter into the grant contract with the Minnesota Public Television Association. While the contract included provisions to put project management and accountability processes into place, the state benefits defined in the proposed contract were not a sufficient return on the investment, particularly considering the communications gaps that exist in public safety and health. H. F. No. 197 still doesn't provide an adequate level of direct benefit for the state given the investment being made.

I am also uncomfortable with the way that this project is funded. This bill pays for digital TV grants by refinancing a Metropolitan Council general fund appropriation with bonds and using the general fund dollars for grants to public television stations. If the legislature wants to refinance the bus garage

appropriation with bonds, the project should be part of the overall bonding bill discussion. Finally, H. F. No. 197 adds to the state's obligations at a time when we have depleted our reserves and there is still a gap between revenues and expenditures, both in the current budget and the next. I cannot sign this bill into law while these budget problems remain unsolved.

For these reasons, I am vetoing this bill.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura

Governor

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**MOTION TO OVERRIDE VETO**

Bishop moved that H. F. No. 197, Chapter No. 280, be now reconsidered and repassed, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding, pursuant to Article IV, Section 23, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

The question was taken on the Bishop motion to reconsider and repass H. F. No. 197, Chapter No. 280, the objections of the Governor notwithstanding, pursuant to Article IV, Section 23, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota and the roll was called. There were 113 yeas and 20 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Dempsey	Hausman	Leighton	Otremba	Smith
Abrams	Dibble	Hilstrom	Lenczewski	Ozment	Solberg
Anderson, I.	Dorman	Hilty	Lieder	Pawlenty	Stanek
Bakk	Dorn	Holsten	Lipman	Paymar	Stang
Bernardy	Entenza	Howes	Mahoney	Pelowski	Swapinski
Biernat	Erhardt	Huntley	Mares	Penas	Swenson
Bishop	Evans	Jaros	Mariani	Peterson	Sykora
Blaine	Finseth	Jennings	Marko	Pugh	Thompson
Boudreau	Folliard	Johnson, R.	Marquart	Rhodes	Tingelstad
Bradley	Fuller	Johnson, S.	McElroy	Rifenberg	Tuma
Carlson	Gleason	Jordan	McGuire	Rukavina	Wagenius
Cassell	Goodno	Juhnke	Milbert	Ruth	Walker
Clark, J.	Goodwin	Kahn	Molnau	Schumacher	Walz
Clark, K.	Gray	Kelliher	Mullery	Seagren	Wasiluk
Daggett	Greiling	Knoblach	Murphy	Seifert	Westerberg
Dauids	Gunther	Koskinen	Ness	Sertich	Westrom
Davnie	Haas	Kubly	Nornes	Skoe	Winter
Dawkins	Hackbarth	Kuisele	Opatz	Skoglund	Spk. Sviggum
Dehler	Harder	Larson	Osthoff	Slawik	

Those who voted in the negative were: