For immediate release:  
Wednesday, May 22, 2002

The Honorable Steve Sviggum  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
463 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Sviggum:

I have signed HF3618, Chapter Number 393, a bill related to capital improvements, with the exception of the line item vetoes listed on the attachment to this letter.

When I presented my 2002 capital budget recommendations in January, they focused on projects of statewide and regional significance. In addition, all of the debt service costs associated with my capital budget recommendations were provided for F.Y. 2002-2003 and F.Y. 2004-2005 in my operating budget recommendations.

The Legislature has chosen to pass and present a significantly-expanded bonding bill that substitutes projects of local significance for those with statewide and regional significance such as the Northstar commuter rail line. In addition, the Legislature did not adopt a fully-funded budget plan that would pay for the added debt service costs in F.Y. 2004-2005.

As a result, I cannot in good conscience approve all the projects in the 2002 bonding bill. While many of these projects may be worthy of state investment, their funding will need to be delayed. I will not add approximately $73 million of additional debt service costs in the next biennium and needlessly increase the size of the projected deficit. We need to show restraint by not aggravating what is already likely to be a huge budget problem for the next Legislature.

While I have not line item vetoed Nicholson Hall, the flood hazard mitigation grants, and local bridges, I do not intend to release all the funding for each of these projects. I will release $10 million dollars for Nicholson Hall, $15 million dollars for flood hazard mitigation grants, and $30 million dollars for local bridges. I further recommend that the next Governor, be it myself or
another person, only release the balance of the funding for these projects if the Legislature produces a balanced budget. I chose this course of action because each of the projects has merit but cannot be supported at the recommended level of funding given our budget situation.

Attached is a list of the specific line item vetoes I have made to HF 3618.

Sincerely,

Jesse Ventura
Governor

cc: Senator Don Samuelson
    Senator Roger Moe
    Senator Dick Day
    Representative Tom Pugh
    Senator Keith Langseth
    Representative Jim Knoblach
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STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR JESSE VENTURA

Today I approved over five hundred million dollars in capital projects. In addition, I vetoed just slightly less than four hundred million dollars worth of projects.

I am sure that every project in the bonding bill was extremely important to its advocates. Indeed, some of the projects that I vetoed may have had value for all Minnesotans. However, no matter how valuable a vetoed project was deemed to be, the legislature spent too much money on capitol projects and therefore I felt compelled to bring the total cost of the bill down to a reasonable level.

Had the legislature balanced our operating budget into future budget cycles when the debt service for these projects will come due, I may not have made as many vetoes. My message to advocates of the vetoed bills is that in many cases I did not reject projects based on their value, but rather delayed them until the legislature does its job and passes a budget that guarantees that we can afford the projects' debt service.

Next year the legislature will face many difficult decisions. To make up for a projected $2.5 billion dollar deficit they will either have to raise taxes or make substantial cuts to an already stressed budget for state services. Once they have made those tough decisions I may be willing to revisit some of the capitol projects vetoed in this bill.

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APPROVED 2002 BONDING PROJECTS
($ in 000s)

University of Minnesota:

HEAPR 35,000
St. Paul Plant Growth Facility 17,700 1/3 UF
Duluth Science Facility 25,500
*Nicholson Hall 24,000 1/3 UF
Systemwide Classroom Improvements 2,000 1/3 UF
Crookston Bede Hall 7,701 1/3 UF
Subtotal 111,901

MnSCU:

HEAPR 60,000
Normandale Phase II 9,900 1/3 UF
Minneapolis CC Remodeling 9,000 1/3 UF
Metro State University 17,442 1/3 UF
Alexandria TC Remodeling 9,150 1/3 UF
Winona Science Facility 30,000 1/3 UF
Moorhead Science Facility 18,955 1/3 UF
Systemwide Science Lab Renovations 1,900 1/3 UF
Century CC Remodeling 2,500 1/3 UF
Subtotal 158,847

**Perpich Center for Arts Education:**
Asset Preservation 643
Performance Hall Catwalk 125
Subtotal 768

**CFL:** Red Lake School Renovation 12,400

**MN State Academies:** Asset Preservation 1,500

**Department of Natural Resources:**
Statewide Asset Preservation 2,600
Field Office Renovations and Repair 1,000
Office Facilities Development 1,500
ADA Compliance 500
Forest Roads and Bridges 1,200
Well Sealing 600
Luce Line Trail 300
Douglas Trail 300
Willard Munger Trail 300
Dam Repair and Reconstruction 650
**Flood Hazard Mitigation Grants** 30,000
State Park Repair Initiative 23,500
Metro Regional Parks 6,000
RIM Critical Habitat Match 1,000
Subtotal 69,450

**PCA:** Closed Landfill Program 10,000

**Agriculture:** RFA Loans 15,000 UF
Mn Zoo: Asset Preservation 3,000

OEA:
Fergus Falls Solid Waste Combuster 1,150

Administration:
Statewide CAPRA 14,000
Capitol Complex Electrical Work 3,231
Agency Relocation 1,500 GF
Lab and Office Facilities 60,000
Subtotal 78,731

Capitol Area Architectural Board:
Capitol 2005 Repairs 646 GF

Military Affairs:
Asset Preservation 2,500
ADA Improvements 357
Facility Life Safety Repairs 1,000
Subtotal 3,857

Transportation:
***Local Bridge Repair and Renovation 45,000

Metropolitan Council:
Northwest Metro Busway 20,000

Commerce: Energy Investment Loans 5,000 UF

Human Services:
Systemwide Roof Replacement 2,789
Systemwide Asset Preservation 4,000
Systemwide Building Demolition 2,750
St. Peter RTC Power Conversion 3,619
Fergus Falls Program Facilities 3,000
Subtotal 16,158

**Veterans Homes Board:**
Asset Preservation 2,000
Hastings Building Preservation 8,553
Silver Bay Roof Replacement 2,345
Subtotal 12,898

**Corrections:**
Asset Preservation 17,000
Lino Lakes Bed Expansion 4,160
Shakopee Renovation 3,070
Subtotal 24,230

**Trade and Economic Development:**
PFA Wastewater Matching Funds 16,000
*Mn Historical Society:* Asset Preservation 2,442
Sibley House Site Improvements 300
Fort Snelling Improvements 500
Subtotal 3,242

**MHFA:** Transitional Veterans Housing 16,200

**Bond Sale Expenses** 880

**TOTAL -- "A" LIST 510,529 GO**
44,000 On Hold
70,183 UF
2,146 GF
May 22 bonding vetoes

626,858 All Sources

* $14m of $24m to be put on hold
** $15m of $30m to be put on hold
*** $15m of $45m to be put on hold.

2002 BONDING BILL

VETOED PROJECTS

University of Minnesota:

Jones Hall 8,000
Morris Science Facility 8,600
Research and Outreach Centers 2,438 1/3 UF
Translational Research 24,700
Institute of Technology and Teaching Design 3,000 1/3 UF
Morris Swine Facilities 70 1/3 UF
St. Paul Veterinary Facilities 1,500 1/3 UF
Subtotal 48,308

MnSCU:

SW State Library Remodeling 9,200 1/3 UF
Virginia Lab Remodeling 5,496 1/3 UF
BSU Tech Design 1,000 1/3 UF
Dakota TC Tech Design 500 1/3 UF
Fergus Falls CC Student Services Design 760 1/3 UF
Hennepin TC Remodeling 2,000 1/3 UF
Inver Hills CC Student Services Design 500 1/3 UF
Lake Superior Student Services Design 700 1/3 UF
Mankato Athletics Facility 8,400 1/3 UF

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Mn West Worthington Nursing 6,300 1/3 UF
NW Tech Moorhead Health Design 400 1/3 UF
Ridgewater Hutchinson Labs 2,880 1/3 UF
South Central Tech Labs Design 300 1/3 UF
SE Tech/ Winona Student Services 580 1/3 UF
St. Cloud State Remodeling 10,000 1/3 UF
St Cloud Tech WFC 700 1/3 UF
Statewide System Land Acquisitions 1,000 1/3 UF
Subtotal 50,716

CFL:
Library Accessibility Grants 1,000
Early Childhood Facility Grants 2,000
Southwest Metro Magnet School 1,000
Minneapolis Planetarium 9,500
Asian Community Center 1,000
Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center 700
Neighborhood House El Rio Vista 1,800
Trollwood Performing Arts Center 5,500
Subtotal 22,500

DNR:
Red River Recreation Area 2,900
Big Bog Recreation Area 1,600
Greater MN Regional Parks 4,000
Red Rock Rural Water System 125
MeQuade Safe Harbor 1,100
Crookston Dam Improvements 1,050
Rapidan Dam Improvements 100
State Park Acquisition 3,000
Como Conservatory 2,700
Reforestation 1,500
State Forest land Acquisition 500
Gitchi Gami Trail 725
Shooting Star Trail 450
Blazing Star Trail 600
Goodhue Pioneer Trail 475
Paul Bunyan Trail 500
- State Trail Connections 500
- New Ulm Trail 500
- St. Louis Park Trail 492
- Lake Koronis Trail 365
Metro Greenways 1,000
Lewis and Clark Water System 180 GF
Stream Protection and Restoration 1,000
Water Access & Fishing Piers 1,500
Fish Hatchery Improvements 300
Fisheries Acquisition 500
+ SNA Acquisition 1,000
+ **Seminary Fen 1,500
Natural & Scenic Area Grants 1,000
Prairie Bank Easements 1,000
Subtotal 32,162
Office of Environmental Assistance:
Capital Assistance Grants 3,600

Board of Water and Soil Resources:
Lazarus Creek Flood Mitigation 1,500
Local Govt Wetland Replacement 2,700
RIM 2,000
Streambank & Lakeshore Erosion Control 750
Browns Creek 1,300
Subtotal 8,250

Agriculture: Metro Greenhouse Expansion 292

MN Zoo: Asia Trail & Master Plan 8,184

Amateur Sports Commission:
National Sports Center Conference Center 5,000
Mount Itasca Biathlon Facility 250
National Volleyball Center - Rochester 3,000
Subtotal 8,250

Administration:
Olmsted County Predesign 700
Governor's Residence Relocation 45 GF, Governor's Residence Renovation 4,246
Subtotal 4,991

Arts Projects:
Bloomington Arts Center 1,000 GF
Minneapolis Children's Theater 5,000
Guthrie Theater 24,000
Rochester Arts Center 1,000 GF
Subtotal 31,000

**Transportation:**

Port Development Grants 3,000
\(\Delta\) Port of Savage Improvements 3,500
\(\Delta\) Port of Winona Improvements 3,500
Greater Minnesota Transit Grants 2,000
Statewide Public Safety Radio System 13,000
Local Share - Trunk Highway Projects 10,000
Local Routes of Regional Significance 10,000
Town Road Signs 1,000
Duluth Arial Lift Bridge Repainting 1,000
DM&E Rail Mitigation Study 500 GF
Subtotal 47,500

**Metropolitan Council:**

Central Corridor Planning 1,000
Livable Communities Grant Program 9,000
Park and Ride Lots 500
Subtotal 10,500

**Health:**

Dental Clinics 775

**Corrections:**

Bayport Storm Sewer 1,550
Stillwater New Desegregation Unit Predesign 90
Subtotal 1,640

\(\Delta\) Listed as one line item veto in the Journal of the House veto message.

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Human Services:
People, Inc. 375 GF
Brainerd RTC Building 20 6,305
Subtotal 6,680

Trade and Economic Development:
Redevelopment Grant Program 4,000
WIF Grants 30,000
WIF Grant Administration 600 GF
Mpls Empowerment Zones 3,000
St. Paul Phalen Blvd 8,000
Greater MN Business Development Grants 12,000
Fairmont Sports Complex 500
Grand Rapids Discovery Museum 300
Olivia Ag Innovation Center 1,000, St. Cloud Convention Center Design 3,250
St. Paul Roy Wilkins Auditorium 4,000
St. Paul Renaissance Project 2,000
Subtotal 68,650

IRRRB: Mesabi Trail Station 1,500

Military Affairs:
Camp Ripley Anti-Terrorism Facility 500

MN Historical Society:
Local Grants 300
Fort Belmont Restoration 200
New Brighton Caboose 100 GF
Pipestone County Museum Elevator 125

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Subtotal 725

TOTAL -- "V" LIST 333,643 GO

19,280 UF

3,800 GF

356,723 All Sources. 2002 BONDING BILL

($ in 000's)

G.O. BONDING 888,172

G.O. BONDING VETOED 333,643

Subtotal 554,529

G.O. BONDING PROJECTS ON HOLD: (44,000)

Nicholson Hall ($14,000 of $24,000 on hold)

Flood Hazards ($15,000 of $30,000 on hold)

Local Bridges ($15,000 of $45,000 on hold)

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