May 16, 2009

The Honorable Senator James Metzen
President of the Senate
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
322 State Capitol
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear President Metzen:

I have vetoed and am returning Senate File 284, Chapter 99, a bill applying certain privileges to major political party caucuses held in cities of the first cities during odd-numbered years.

This would allow for special privileges for caucus attendees who reside in Saint Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth. The state should not dictate additional mandates on businesses for what is a local issue.

Sincerely,

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

cc: Representative Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker of the House
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjum, Minority Leader
Senator Linda Higgins
Representative Marty Seifert, Minority Leader
Representative Jim Davnie
Mr. Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)
Mr. Albin Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State