



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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May 25, 2007

The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker, Minnesota House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Statement of Item Veto – Chapter 148, H.F. 548

Dear Madam Speaker:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed, and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, Chapter 148, House File 548, with the exception of the item veto listed below.

I have exercised an item veto of the following item of appropriation:

Page 19, line 19.32 - Page 20, line 20.6: An \$80,000 appropriation in Chapter 148, Article 1, Section 29 for the acquisition of an Indian burial site in Becker County.

I support the protection of burial grounds and was pleased to recently sign Chapter, 115, Senate File 2226 that will clarify and strengthen Minnesota's laws regarding burial sites, but does not require the state to purchase property. This appropriation, however, would establish a precedent under this new law for the state to purchase and maintain property. Initiating such a practice would have long term financial implications to the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

Speaker Kelliher

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Cc: Senator Don Betzold
Representative Phyllis Kahn
Senator James Metzen, President of the Senate
Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Majority Leader
Senator David Senjem, Minority Leader
Representative Marty Seifert, Minority Leader
Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate
Mr. Al Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives
Mr. Mark Ritchie, Secretary of State