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WEDNESDAY, May 29, 1974.

The chief clerk makes the following entries under the above date.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison, Wisconsin

May 28, 1974.

To the Honorable, the Senate:

The following bills, originating in the senate, have been approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bill	Chapter No.	Date Approved
174 -----	293 -----	May 28, 1974
264 -----	294 -----	May 28, 1974
265 -----	295 -----	May 28, 1974
411 (partial veto) -----	296 -----	May 28, 1974
462 -----	297 -----	May 28, 1974
598 (partial veto) -----	298 -----	May 28, 1974
660 -----	299 -----	May 28, 1974
726 -----	300 -----	May 28, 1974

Sincerely,
PATRICK J. LUCEY
Governor

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison

May 28, 1974.

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have approved Senate Bill 411 as Chapter 296, Laws of 1973, and deposited it in the office of the Secretary of State.

Section 144.22 (2) (b) created by the bill provides that municipal water systems for which there is an urgent and vital need on the basis of present health hazards be given the highest priority

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by the Department of Natural Resources. This setting of priorities by the Legislature represents desirable policy.

However, that section also provides that funding for municipal water systems not be provided, regardless of priority, to those "areas where negligence on the part of local or State health officials permitted health hazards to be created." I have exercised the partial veto to eliminate this provision from the bill.

This provision should be removed from the bill because of the inequities it may create and the administrative difficulties that will likely result. Under this language, a municipality could lose aid for a much-needed water system on account of the fault of a State official. That is clearly an inequitable result.

Furthermore, it is cumbersome to have the Department of Natural Resources making determinations of negligence with respect to the creation of the health hazards the bill is designed to abate. Since the purpose of the bill is to encourage the development of water systems in areas where health hazards exist. It is counter-productive to deny aid for such systems on account of the acts or omissions of any official. Misfeasance or malfeasance are best dealt with directly and in such a way as not to frustrate the intent of this bill.

Sincerely,
PATRICK J. LUCEY
Governor

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor
Madison

May 28, 1974.

To the Honorable, the Senate:

I have approved Senate Bill 598 as Chapter 298, Laws of 1973, and deposited it in the office of the Secretary of State.

The bill creates Section 20.370 (2) (vr) providing an appropriation for law enforcement under Chapter 350 from interest earnings on accumulated snowmobile registration fees. An appropriation for law enforcement purposes is necessary, but it is not desirable to restrict this appropriation to the interest earned on registration fees.

Registration fees are paid into a segregated fund and under the statutes, all interest earned on segregated fund balances must be

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credited to the appropriate fund. Then, any appropriation affecting the fund balance draws upon earned interest.

Even if it were possible under current law to restrict the appropriation to interest money, such an appropriation would not be good policy. Budgeting of law enforcement costs must be done to insure continuity of enforcement programs. This requires that the appropriation be made directly from registration revenues, rather than from interest, so that enforcement costs can be budgeted at the same level over the 3-year registration period.

For the foregoing reasons, I have exercised the partial veto so that the appropriation under Section 20.370 (2) (vr) will be made directly from snowmobile registration revenues in an amount not to exceed \$130,000.

Sincerely,

PATRICK J. LUCEY

Governor

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT

The chief clerk records:

Senate Bill 550

Correctly enrolled and presented to the Governor on
Wednesday, May 29, 1974.