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April 26, 2010

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 2389, an Act relating to and making, reducing, and transferring appropriations to state departments and agencies from the rebuild Iowa infrastructure fund, the technology reinvestment fund, the revenue bonds capitals fund, the revenue bonds capitals II fund, the FY 2009 prison bonding fund, and other funds, creating the Iowa jobs II program, and the revenue bonds federal subsidy holdback fund, providing for related matters, and providing an effective date. Senate File 2389 is approved on this date, with the exception noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve paragraph 2 of section 49 of this bill in its entirety. This paragraph imposes certain time restrictions on the ability of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to relocate certain state agencies to space in the Mercy Capitol building. I am supportive of those sections of this bill that obligate DAS to undertake cost-benefit analyses before making certain agency relocation decisions, as presented under this section of the bill. However, if paragraph 2 of section 49 of this bill were to be implemented, taxpayer money would not be used in the most efficient manner possible, and certain administrative actions and expenses that had been undertaken prior to the passage of this bill would be unduly interfered with, resulting in the waste of taxpayer funds. For example, DAS has already expended funds and entered into agreements to purchase new telephones and to install new telephone lines into Mercy Capitol. A state agency that has already budgeted for its move to this building will save $143,000 in annual rental payments, but would be prevented from doing so under this paragraph. The disapproval action I have described will allow DAS to save taxpayer money while prudently investing in Mercy Capitol and in the tenancies of state agencies that will reside there, on a cost-beneficial basis, in coming years.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated item in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in Senate File 2389 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver
Governor

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