

## **S 533 PUBLIC REGULATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

April 9, 1997

### **SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 30**

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 533, as amended, with emergency clause, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation would establish a 12 member "Public Regulation Interim Committee" to study and recommend legislation on the new Public Regulation Commission.

The issue of the merger to the Public Utilities Commission and the State Corporation Commission is one that must be considered for presentation in the 1998 Legislative Session. However, the continued proliferation of task forces, committees, panels and commissions as the initial reaction to an issue is admirable but not effective. The legislature's integrated Water Resources Committee has taken an interest in the policy issues as they relate to these two entities. Perhaps this committee or another of the 19 legislative committees in existence can work with the Public Utilities Commission, the State Corporation Commission and the executive branch during the interim to develop an appropriate merger plan for consideration during the 1998 Legislative Session.

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## **S 564 SCHOOL MEAL PERSONNEL SALARIES**

April 8, 1997

### **SENATE EXECUTIVE MESSAGE NO. 13**

I have this day VETOED and am returning SENATE BILL 564, enacted by the Forty-Third Legislature, First Session, 1997.

This legislation appears to represent "wage fixing" and is clearly an intrusion on the ability of private, free-market entities to operate free of government intrusion. Moreover, if state law is to specify the amount that private companies pay their own employees, distinction between school district employees and contract company employees become blurred. Thus, this bill might be the first step on a slippery slope which could lead to further obligations to provide benefits beyond the current financial capacity of the state.