OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

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Carlson discusses charter schools, site-based school management and the data privacy issues precluding public access to the cell phone records and correspondence of the Governor. The latter issue was raised by a request from the radio station KSTP that Governor Carlson release some of his own records.


Carlson School Visits, March 5, 1997.


Topics covered include taxes, Minnesota’s business climate and other business-related issues.


Concerns the use of technology in the education system. Carlson outlines an initiative to increase internet access and the availability of multi-media computers in schools using prison labor to refurbish computers.

Flood Briefing, April 7, 1997.

School Choice Rally, April 8, 1997.

Address to the Twin West Chamber, April 11, 1997.

The Governor discusses the need to redefine the role of government in a post-new deal era by reducing government spending and increasing fiscal responsibility.


Address to Minneapolis Rotary, April 18, 1997.

Topics covered include the budget, the university and its relationship to state government, and education.

Flood Update, April 21, 1997.

Federal Funding, April 24, 1997.

Includes Clinton’s speech on visiting areas affected by the floods and the Governor’s response.


In a telephone conference from Washington D.C., the Governor discusses the budget, especially education funding, and school choice.

In a press conference, Governor Carlson announces his intention to call the legislature back into a special session to complete spending bills on which no agreement had been reached in the regular legislative session.

Among legislators on the education bill.

Both are telephone news conferences with the Governor from New York City. The Nieman announcement concerns an agreement to build a Nieman museum in St. Paul.

Concerns the decision by Cenex Harvest to build a plant near Fairmont, Minnesota.

Concerning the welfare of children.

The Governor describes a plan to work with the Minnesota Business Partnership to establish a volunteer mentoring program in which employees would work with at-risk youths.

The first in a series of press conferences on the state of government in Minnesota, held at the Ramsey County Workforce Center.
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Minnesota Care Anniversary, October 1, 1997.

Speech to the Minnesota Broadcasters Association (MBA), October 10, 1997.

  Governor Carlson addresses the Twins stadium proposal, after receiving official notice from the team that they intend to leave after the termination of their lease in 1998.

University of Minnesota Bonding, October 13, 1997.

  A speech delivered by Governor Carlson on campus during University of Minnesota president Yudof’s inaugural week.

Property Tax Rebate, October 14, 1997.


Stadium, October 29, 1997.

  A press conference in which the Governor responds to the Vikings’ announcement that the team is up for sale.


  A press conference in which the Governor proposes a plan to allow police departments to use current staffing to work more overtime.

Twins Deal, November 6, 1997.


  A press conference at which the Governor describes a proposal to create a special gang strike task force to deal with the rise in gang related crime in the Twin Cities.


  The Governor responds to the failure to pass a stadium bill and what he predicts will be the end of major league baseball in Minnesota.

November Revenue Forecast, December 2, 1997.


  A press conference in which the Governor expresses his dissatisfaction with Attorney General Humphrey’s handling of litigation against tobacco companies.


Year-End Interview, December 19, 1997.


  At the China Focus on the Environment Conference.

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Lieutenant Governor Benson, Budget and Bonding, January 14, 1998. 
As acting governor during Governor Carlson’s trip to China, Lt. Governor Benson holds a press conference on budgetary issues.

The Governor addresses a rally in support of the construction of Veteran’s State Memorial park in Duluth with the U.S.S. Des Moines as its centerpiece.

The Governor introduces and addresses the visiting Norwegian Commissioner of Health to discuss possible business alliances between Minnesota and Norway.

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Lab Schools, February 17, 1998.
February Forecast, February 27, 1998.
The kick-off at the state prison in Stillwater for the Computers in Schools program, created in alliance with the Detwiler Foundation.

Immunization, March 17, 1998.

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A press conference in which the Governor responds to the tornadoes that had hit St. Peter, Le Center, Comfrey and Lonsdale, including the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College on March 29th.

Tornado Relief Package, April 2, 1998.
Session, April 7, 1998. 
A press conference in which Governor Carlson announces his veto of the legislature’s budget.

Tobacco Settlement, April 8, 1998.
Steve Sviggum on KSTP AM, April 17, 1998.
Access and Ethics in the Media, April 18, 1998. 3 tapes.
Eighth Grade Test Results, April 30, 1998.
Mike Ciresi on Soucheray [?], May 13, 1998.
Crime Bill Signing and Questions, June 8, 1998.
Tax Credit Promotion, July 22, 1998.
The Governor discusses, among other things, the problem of a government without a majority mandate in reaction to Ventura’s recent election.

Give $100,000 to Transition Team, November 19, 1998.
Carlson with Governor Ventura, [ca. December 1998].
A press conference in which the Governor reports on his meeting with the Governor elect and describes his administration’s efforts to ease the transition, including the creation of fact sheets for each of the departments.

Gala, December 1, 1998.
Farewell address.

Three Initiatives, December 1, 1998.
Governor Carlson outlines three major initiatives that he hopes the new administration will continue to work on. They are: the creation of an interdepartmental team to confront the problem of homeless children and their education, wetland protection and funding of the arts.