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## GOVERNOR Ventura, Jesse

### An Inventory of His Resolution and Chapter Files

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota. Governor (1999-2003 : Ventura).
- Series Title:** Resolution and chapter files.
- Dates:** 1999-2002.
- Abstract:** Documents directly relating to bills that were either signed or vetoed by the governor.
- Quantity:** 17.0 cu. ft. (17 boxes).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Each file generally begins with a letter from Governor Ventura to the Speaker of the House or the President of the Senate stating that he received the bill, signed or vetoed it, and passed it on to the Secretary of State, with a copy of the bill and related memoranda confirming its disposition.

The bulk of the file consists of Governor's Bill Review Sheets sent by the Minnesota Planning Office to each government agency that was to be affected by the proposed legislation. They are color-coded for specific offices: white, Planning Office and the Legislative Relations Office; green, Attorney General's Office and the Finance Department; yellow, other state departments and offices; blue, Government Relations Office; and orange, House and Senate Republican and DFL caucuses. Each review form contains the signature of an office or department official, as well as any comments the office may have had regarding the bill. While many forms are merely signed or contain short comments, it is not uncommon to find multiple pages of comments, bill summaries, or supporting evidence attached to a bill review sheet, especially when a bill was deemed controversial.

The forms were circulated to elicit responses from various offices as to why the proposed legislation would be beneficial or harmful, information later used by the Governor to decide whether to sign a bill into law or veto it. This opportunity for comment invited a certain freedom and individuals were not shy about criticizing or praising a bill. There are also comments from business organizations, non-profits, and even individuals.

Each file also contains a computer printout or a photocopy showing the primary authors of a bill, the bill number and title, the actions taken in the House and Senate, and the date on which each action took place.

## INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

### **Topics:**

Bill drafting--Minnesota.  
Bills, Legislative--Minnesota.  
Evaluating.  
Legislation--Minnesota.

### **Places:**

Minnesota--Politics and government--1981-.

### **Persons:**

Ventura, Jesse.

### **Types of Documents:**

Bills (legislative records).

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### **Preferred Citation:**

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

*Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.*

### 1999:

Location	Box	
128.K.6.4F	1	Resolutions 1-5. Chapters 1-60.
128.K.6.5B	2	Chapters 61-109.
128.K.6.6F	3	Chapters 110-159.
128.K.6.7B	4	Chapters 160-204.
128.K.6.8F	5	Chapters 205-231.
128.K.6.9B	6	Chapters 232-250.

### 2000:

128.K.6.10F	7	Chapters 251-332.
128.K.6.11B	8	Chapters 333-398.
128.K.6.12F	9	Chapters 399-447.
128.K.6.13B	10	Chapters 448-497.
128.K.6.14F	11	Chapters 498-501.

### 2001:

128.K.6.14F	11	Chapters 1-81.
128.K.7.1B	12	Chapters 82-142.
128.K.7.2F	13	Chapters 143-211.
128.K.7.3B	14	Chapters 212-218. Resolutions 1-5. Special Session. Chapters 1-13.

### 2002:

128.K.7.4F	15	Resolutions 6-7. Chapters 219-295.
128.K.7.5B	16	Chapters 296-364.
128.K.7.6F	17	Chapters 365-403.