

July 16, 1997

Mr. Alfred W. Speer
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

RE: **House Bill No. 2** of the 1997 Regular Session

Article 3, Section 18(B) and Article 4, Section 5(G) of the Constitution of Louisiana grants the Governor the right to veto line items in the 1997 Capital Outlay Appropriations Bill. I have decided to exercise this authority as to eight specific items in House Bill 2 for the reasons noted beneath the vetoed items.

Dear Mr. Speer:

VETO # 1:

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, RECREATION AND TOURISM
06/264 OFFICE OF STATE PARKS

Tunica Hills State Preservation Area Development,
Planning and Construction - Trails and
Interpretive Center
(West Feliciana)

Priority 2	\$ 140,000
Priority 5	<u>\$ 1,625,000</u>
Total	\$ 1,765,000

This project was not requested by CRT as an FY97-98 project and ranked 23rd of 35 projects. Given this priority and the volume of other projects in the bill, including several higher priority CRT projects, it appears that this project could be deferred.

VETO #2

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	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT	
07/270	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATIVE	
(115)	DeRidder By-Pass (LA 3226)	
	Construction, Right of Way, and Utilities (Beauregard)	
	Payable from State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 50,000
	Payable from General Obligation Bonds	
	Priority 2	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>
	Total	\$ 1,050,000

This project is not currently in the Highway Priority Program and has a future construction cost of \$10 million. In view of the large amount of future funding required to continue this project beyond the phase funded in this appropriation, and in view of the limitation on general obligation bond funding, the state should not make a commitment to fund this phase or future phases.

VETO #3

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	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS	
09/321	LEONARD J. CHABERT MEDICAL CENTER	
	Cat Scan, Acquisition (Terrebonne)	
	Payable from State General Fund (Direct)	\$ 720,000

This project has already been funded through FY96-97 Operating Budget by BA-7.

VETO #4 and #5

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	LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	
19/711	BATON ROUGE CAMPUS	
	Cooling Tower Renovation, Planning and Construction (East Baton Rouge)	

Payable from State General Fund (Direct) \$ 25,000

The capital outlay budget request for this project was submitted after the November 1st deadline, but has been approved by the Department of Economic Development pursuant to R.S. 39:112.

Male and Female Restroom Renovation
to Meet Federal ADA Requirements, Planning
and Construction
(East Baton Rouge)
Payable from State General Fund (Direct) \$ 75,000

The capital outlay budget request for this project was submitted after the November 1st deadline, but has been approved by the Department of Economic Development pursuant to R.S. 39:112.

Neither of these projects are economic development projects and should not have been approved as late requests. In addition, these projects should be funded through another source.

VETO # 6

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ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT
Basin Canal Park Landscaping
Planning and Construction
(Orleans)
Payable from State General Fund (Direct) \$ 50,000

The capital outlay budget request for this project was submitted after the November 1st deadline, but has been approved by the Joint Legislative Capital Outlay Committee pursuant to R.S. 39:112.

The project should be deferred or funded through another source.

VETO #7

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WASHINGTON PARISH
Town of Franklinton Industrial Park
Acquisition, Site Preparation
And Improvements,
Planning and Construction
(Washington)

