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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 21 entitled:

AN ACT

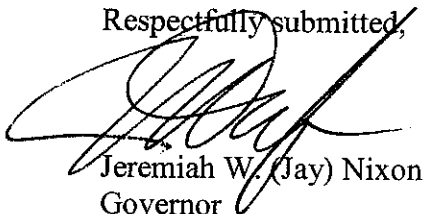
To appropriate money for purposes for the several departments and offices of state government; for the purchase of equipment; for planning, expenses, and for capital improvements including but not limited to major additions and renovations, new structures, and land improvements; and for the payment of various claims for refunds, for persons, firms, and corporations, and for other purposes, and to transfer money among certain funds, from the funds designated for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010.

Section 21.175

I hereby veto the words "provided that the state distribution plan shall be approved by the chair of the House Budget and Senate Appropriations Committee prior to any expenditures of such funds." The approval language is null and void because such authority is reserved to the executive branch in accordance with Article IV, Section 28 of the Missouri Constitution. This language is unconstitutional and could raise concerns by grantees that they will not receive funds in a timely manner, delaying the completion of projects and potentially jeopardizing federal funds through missed deadlines.

On June 25, 2009 I approved said Senate Committee Substitute for House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 21 except for those items specifically vetoed and not approved.

Respectfully submitted,



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Governor