

June 28, 2000

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

Mr. Michael S. Baer, III  
Secretary of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: House Bill No. 2 of the 2000 Regular Session

An Act with respect to the capital outlay budget and the capital outlay program for state government, state institutions, and other public entities.

Gentlemen:

As authorized by Article III, Section 18(B) and Article IV, Section 5(G) of the Constitution of Louisiana, I have exercised my right to veto line items or provisions of the 2000 Capital Outlay Appropriations Bill (House Bill No. 2 of the 2000 Regular Session).

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 1**

Page 16, lines 27 through 34

The LA Highway 20 Widening project in Thibodaux was already funded under the Department of Transportation and Development in the 1999 Capital Outlay Act.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 2**

Page 56, lines 7 through 9

The Nicholls State University Assembly Center Complex Feasibility Study is funded with the \$100,000 in Priority 1 and underway. Decisions on providing the Priority 2 and 5 additional funding to proceed into design should be deferred pending the outcome of the feasibility study. This project is ranked priority 22

of 22 in the continuing projects category, and overall priority 57 of 82 on the Board of Regents list of requests.

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**VETO MESSAGE NO. 3**

Page 57, lines 1 through 7

The Nicholls State University Land Acquisition project is ranked priority 23 of 25 in the new projects category, and overall priority 80 of 82 on the Board of Regents list of requests, and therefore should be deferred for consideration in a future year.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 4**

Page 60, lines 25 through 33

The University of Louisiana at Monroe Allied Health Science Building project was not in the Board of Regents recommendations for fiscal year 2000-2001, and therefore should be deferred for consideration in a future year.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 5**

Page 60, lines 38 through 40

The General Obligation Bond Priority 2 and 5 funding for the Northwestern State University Campus Fiber Optics Network project is ranked priority 4 of 25 in the new projects category, and overall priority 61 of 82 on the Board of Regents list of requests, and therefore should be deferred for consideration in a future year. The \$881,517 cash appropriation will remain and be used for the emergency part of this project.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 6**

Page 75, lines 7 through 13

The Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Facility project should be deferred pending further evaluation of the needs of the area.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 7**

Page 78, lines 7 through 9

My commitment on the Iberville Parish Highway 1148 Extension project was to fund the Priority 1 \$450,000 for engineering costs only. The balance of the funding should be a local responsibility.

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**VETO MESSAGE NO. 8**

Page 92, lines 38 through 44

The request for the Jena Municipal Complex indicates that future requests for state funding will be \$1,141,029 with \$380,343 local match. The \$5,000 Priority 2 appropriation is insufficient to proceed with the project, and therefore the project should be deferred for consideration in a future year.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 9**

Page 111, lines 18 through 29

The Baton Rouge Recreation and Parks Commission Anna T. Jordan Park project should be a local responsibility.

**VETO MESSAGE NO. 10**

Page 115, lines 36 through 46

The Young Emerging Leaders of Louisiana project requires further evaluation of the needs of the area, and should be deferred for consideration in a future year.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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