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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Herewith I return to you House Committee Substitute for House Bill Nos. 620 & 671 entitled:

AN ACT

To repeal sections 313.010, 313.015, 313.040, 313.045, 313.050, 313.055, and 313.057, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to bingo, with penalty provisions.

I disapprove of House Committee Substitute for House Bill Nos. 620 & 671. My reasons for disapproval are as follows:

House Committee Substitute for House Bill Nos. 620 & 671 will reduce proceeds to the Bingo Proceeds for Education Fund by approximately \$2.2 million annually. This reduction in education funding will have a significant negative fiscal impact on the Missouri Schools for the Deaf, Blind and Severely Disabled.

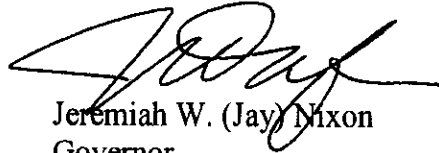
In addition, the fiscal year 2010 budget appropriates \$300,000 from the Bingo Proceeds for Education Fund to the University of Missouri for planning and design of a new Nursing and Optometry School on the campus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis and \$300,000 to the University of Missouri for planning and design for a new Nursing/Health Professions School on the campus of the University of Missouri-Columbia.

In light of current fiscal conditions, this reduction to education funding cannot be absorbed.

In addition, House Committee Substitute for House Bill Nos. 620 & 671 authorizes the use of "electronic bingo card monitoring devices." The bill fails to define this term, an ambiguity which could lead to uncertain future interpretation. The lack of a specific definition could lead to a significant expansion of gaming activities in the state.

In accordance with the above stated reasons for disapproval, I am returning House Committee Substitute for House Bill Nos. 620 & 671 without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,



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Governor