

Message to the House of the State of Kansas:

Pursuant to Article 2, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, I hereby return House Bill No. 2946 with my signature approving the bill, except for the items enumerated below.

### **Department of Administration**

#### **Expanded Lottery Act Revenues Fund**

Sections 19 (e), (f), (g), (h) and (i) have been line-item vetoed in their entirety.

As I stated in my previous message, current law already defines how new receipts from gaming activity will be administered and how they can be spent. Creating additional funds and further stipulations would limit the flexibility of future Legislatures to target gaming receipts toward the most important and pressing needs of the state. For this reason, I again find it necessary to veto this portion of the bill.

### **Homeland Security Funds**

#### **Use of Federal Funds**

Section 47 has been line-item vetoed in its entirety.

This section places unnecessary limits on how the state budgets for homeland security. Restricting how state funds can be used in this area may not serve the best interests of our future security.

### **Adjutant General**

#### **Unmanned Aerial Vehicles**

Section 14 (b) has been line-item vetoed in its entirety.

This \$500,000 expenditure was added very late in the appropriations process with little review, and it was financed from the Economic Development Initiatives Fund, which the Legislature has overspent by over \$1 million. The procurement of unmanned aerial vehicles may be a worthy project for future consideration, but should not be done without an adequate source of financing. Eliminating this expenditure in FY 2009 does not completely balance the Economic Development Initiatives Fund. I will work with the economic development agencies and the Division of the Budget to recommend a revised budget for this fund to present to the 2009 Legislature.

### **Department of Wildlife and Parks**

#### **Cabin Program**

Section 21 (g) has been line-item vetoed in its entirety.

This provision unnecessarily restricts the authority of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks to provide public services and manage agency resources in the most efficient manner.

Kathleen Sebelius, Governor

Dated: May 22, 2008