

April 30, 2002

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

Re: House Bill No. 67 by Representative Murray
CAPITAL OUTLAY: Amends 2001 Capital Outlay Act to add projects for NBA upgrades to the New Orleans Arena and for construction of an indoor football practice facility for the New Orleans Saints.

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 67 amends the comprehensive capital construction budget to add various projects including one for the construction of an indoor training facility for the New Orleans Saints. During the legislative process a provision was added to this project to mandate contractual terms for the holding of summer training camp. In my opinion, this provision is a matter of general law inappropriately included in an appropriations bill and would affect an existing contract. Furthermore, the issue was not germane to an item in the proclamation calling the extraordinary session. For these reasons and because the Saints and Nicholls State University have already reached an agreement in principle to extend their relationship through 2010, I am vetoing it, signing the bill and forwarding it to the Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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