

July 9, 1999

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

RE: HOUSE BILL NO. 1445 BY WINDHORST

To amend and reenact R.S. 15:572.2 and 574.2(A)(3) and to enact R.S. 15:829.1, relative to donations and sales by prisoners and prison enterprises to certain persons; to provide that the chairmen and the other members of the boards of pardon and parole and administrative employees of corrections services within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall not receive or purchase anything of value from any inmate or from prison enterprises; and to provide for related matters.

Dear Mr. Speer:

House Bill No. 1445 would prohibit the purchase of inmate hobby crafts at an inmate arts and crafts festival by a member of the boards of pardon and parole and administrative employees of corrections services within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. As such the bill exceeds the scope intended by the author and the citizen's group working with the author.

For these reasons, I am vetoing and returning House Bill No. 1445 to you.

Sincerely,

M.J. "Mike" Foster, Jr.

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