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Honorable Luther W. Youngdahl
Governor of Minnesota
STATE CAPITOL

Dear Governor Youngdahl:

You state that the proclamation announcing the passage of the so-called bonus amendment is being prepared, and in connection therewith you submit the following questions:

- "1. Is it necessary to publish the proclamation by means of a paid legal advertisement? If so, when must this be done?
- "2. Is it necessary to include the full and complete text of the amendment in the proclamation?"

In answer to your first question, you are advised that M.S.A., Sec. 3.20 only provides that if a proposed constitutional amendment is adopted "the governor shall announce the fact by proclamation." There appears to be no legal requirement that such proclamation shall be published by means of a paid legal advertisement. The filing of the proclamation with the secretary of state should, therefore, be sufficient. Although no statutory provision requires it, the custom has been to insert the governor's proclamation in the first session laws of the state published after the adoption of an amendment.

In answer to your second question, I wish to state that in my opinion it is advisable to include in the proclamation of the governor the full and complete text of the amendment whose adoption is announced in the proclamation.

Very truly yours,

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