

VETO MESSAGE ON SB 5116-S

March 26, 1992

To the Honorable, the Senate
of the State of Washington
Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to section 4,
Substitute Senate Bill No. 5116 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to transportation safety."

Substitute Senate Bill No. 5116 is the product of work by the
task force on school bus safety. It includes several excellent
provisions to assist law enforcement personnel in enforcing school
bus stop laws and enhancing school bus safety. I applaud and fully
support these provisions.

However, section 4 would change current Washington State
Patrol rules to allow school buses to utilize their hazard strobe
lamps regardless of whether it is warranted by hazardous
conditions. Studies indicate that overuse of hazard warning lights
ultimately diminishes their effectiveness. For this reason, I have
vetoed section 4 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 5116.

With the exception of section 4, Substitute Senate Bill No.
5116 is approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Booth Gardner
Governor