VETO MESSAGE ON SB 6096-S

March 28, 1994

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

I am returning herewith, without my approval as to sections 513 (28) and 513 (50), Substitute Senate Bill No. 6096 entitled: "AN ACT Relating to milk and milk products;"

Section 513 of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6096 repeals 103 separate sections of the RCW. The 103 individual sections of law repealed in section 513 are contained in a single section of the bill for clerical ease. Two of these repealers, sections 513 (28) and 513 (50), would repeal sections of the code which are amended elsewhere in Substitute Senate Bill No. 6096.

Section 207 of the bill amends RCW 15.32.590 and makes substantive changes to the requirements for sampling, testing, weighing, and grading done by licensed dairy technicians by expanding the requirement for these actions from "milk or cream" to "milk and milk products" and specifying that no unfair, fraudulent, or manipulated sample shall be taken or delivered for analysis. This same RCW section is repealed in section 513 (28).

Section 402 of the bill amends RCW 15.36.090 and makes substantive changes to labeling and marking requirements and specifically provides requirements concerning raw milk products and pasteurizing. This same RCW section is repealed in section 513 (50).

Veto of these discreet repealer sections cures the problem of internal inconsistency in Substitute Senate Bill No. 6096 and clarifies the substantive intent of this bill. For these reasons, I have vetoed sections 513 (28) and 513 (50) of Substitute Senate Bill No. 6096.

With the exception of sections 513 (28) and 513 (50), Substitute Senate Bill No. 6096 is approved.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Lowry Governor