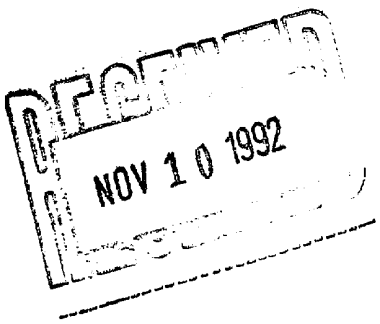

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Re: October 1992 Activity Report--MN

The aftermath of the elections resulted in a continued Democratic controlled legislature in Saint Paul. In the state senate, the Democrats maintained their 45-22 margin of seats, while the house chamber Democrats increased their control by an additional nine seats and now have a commanding 87-47 margin. In the congressional races, two districts switched their representation in Washington. The second district, formerly held by Rep. Vin Weber and with a high Republican index, elected the Democrat David Minge. The sixth district, held by Rep. Gerry Sikorski and with a high Democratic index, elected the Republican Rod Grams.

In October, I continued to travel thoughout the state of Minnesota to talk to not only our members, but to city and county officials as well, about our rights to negotiate on any issue relating to our union members. This last month of the campaigns allowed me to cover more ground and speak while working on behalf of various state candidates as well.

The University of Minnesota is considering appointing a panel to discuss a ban on smoking in all areas of the university. I made sure that there was a teamster member and AFSCME member on that panel, and I reminded the union people what their obligations were insofar as regarding their brothers and sisters. Since my reminder to our members on the panel, the university at present has not called for another meeting. I will keep you informed as developments occur on this issue.