

JUNEAU — With a few line-item vetoes and reductions, Governor Walter J. Hickel yesterday signed into law SB 183, the Legislature's FY94 capital projects bill, appropriating more than \$327 million in general funding to hundreds of projects statewide.

Out of \$335 million appropriated by lawmakers, Hickel vetoed more than \$8 million.

A major highlight of the bill is \$20 million for the new capital matching grants program for communities. The program was a top Hickel priority which some rural legislators feel will complicate rather than simplify municipal grants.