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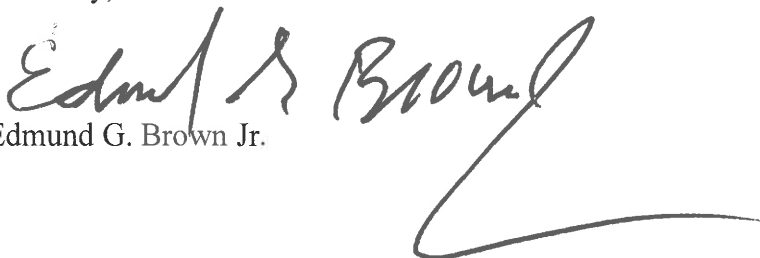
To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2819 without my signature.

This bill requests the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, to conduct a ten-year study on the diversity of the board of directors and employees of United States high technology companies.

This year's Budget provides the Center \$1.8 million dollars in funding. I understand the Center will use some of that appropriation to study diversity in the high technology industry. Before committing to a ten-year study, which will require additional UC funding in the future, let's see the initial results of the Center's research and make informed decisions from those findings.

Sincerely,


Edmund G. Brown Jr.