



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 841 without my signature.

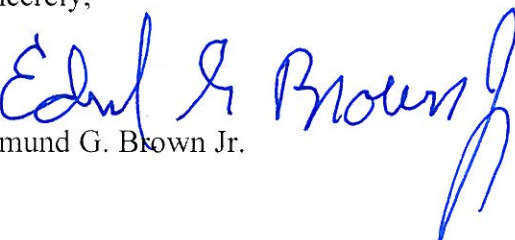
This bill would require a junk dealer or recycler to make payments for the purchase of metal materials only through checks mailed to the seller.

The theft of nonferrous metals has reached epidemic proportions not only in California, but across the United States. In an effort to combat this problem, I signed four bills last year to prevent more theft. Existing law requires that a seller wait three days before receiving payment for metal materials, a written record of the transaction, the name, driver's license number, license plate number, thumbprint of the seller, and a photograph or video of the seller and the material being sold. How much more do you need?

What's really missing today is robust enforcement of our laws. SB 485, which I have signed, shall help do that.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

  
Edmund G. Brown Jr.