

Minn. lawmakers oppose Olson transfer

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MINNEAPOLIS -- Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty has asked California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger not to allow Sara Jane Olson to go to Minnesota when she leaves a California prison.

In a letter to his fellow Republican, Pawlenty wrote Monday that Olson -- also known as Kathleen Soliah -- be required to serve her parole in California, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported. Olson, 62, is scheduled to be paroled Tuesday after serving seven years for her part in the 1970s attempted pipe-bombings of Los Angeles police cars and a fatal bank robbery near Sacramento. The former Symbionese Liberation Army member has petitioned to have her parole transferred to Minnesota so she can be close to family members.

California officials were reviewing Pawlenty's request, and a corrections official told the newspaper he anticipated the request would be honored.

Olson lived in St. Paul, where she raised a family and was active in politics, until she was arrested during the 1990s.

Two members of the Minnesota Legislature -- state Sen. Bill Ingebretson and Rep. Laura Brod -- introduced a resolution Monday urging California not to let Olson serve her parole in Minnesota, but neither the House nor the Senate took up debate on the proposal, the Star Tribune said.

"The crimes were committed there and it seems absolutely proper that she serves her full sentence in California rather than the place she fled from justice for 23 years," Brod said.

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