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MRS. ESPA STANFORD, ASSISTANT SECRETARY

March 31, 1931.

To the Secretary of State:

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, I herewith file with you House Bill No. 519, with my veto and disapproval.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Commissioners Court of the respective counties of the State to appoint a person to administer Hog Cholera Virus, without first obtaining permission to do so from the Live Stock Sanitary Commission.

At the request of, and on information furnished to me by the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, I have deemed it wise to disapprove this bill for the following reasons:

It is not a violation of the law for the owner of hogs to use Hog Cholera Serum, which is harmless, and which gives immunity to Hog Cholera for about six weeks. Hog Cholera Virus carries live hog cholera germs in it and is very dangerous in the hands of inexperienced persons. I am advised that unless the person who uses Hog Cholera Virus is very particular in the use of it he may spread the disease, rather than check it. I am informed that there are in the State at this time approximately 250 experienced and licensed veterinarians who are authorized by the Live Stock Commission to administer the Hog Cholera Virus. I am also advised that anyone who can show himself sufficiently well versed and experienced in administering the Virus can, on written application to the Live Stock Commission, secure a commission authorizing him to use Hog Cholera Virus. Therefore, on information furnished to me by those charged with the responsibility of seeing that the Hog Cholera Virus is properly administered, and who are familiar with its dangers in inexperienced hands, I hereby disapprove and veto House Bill No. 519.

Yours sincerely,

Received in Department of State.

This 31st day of March A.D. 1931

at 11 o'clock and 1/2 minutes P.M.

Governor.