

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

AUSTIN, TEXAS,
March 30, 1923.

Hon. S. L. Staples
Secretary of State
Capitol Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am filing, with my veto attached thereto, House Bill No. 33, The object of this Bill was to provide that dealers of dry goods in Texas should ascertain from the factories or wholesale dealers from whom they purchased their dry goods, the amount of wool contained in garments or materials offered for sale by them, and that on these articles or garments should be labeled the amount of wool contained therein. It provided a penalty for any merchant in Texas who failed to stamp on such garments that he sold the correct amount of wool contained therein.

Without discussing the merits of the original purposes of this Bill, the entire object of the Bill was defeated by an amendment which provided that the Bill should not apply to anyone who had made written request of the woolen mills or wholesale establishments to furnish this information, if the said mills or wholesale establishments, in writing, declined to do so. On account of this amendment which was placed on the bill, it is absolutely worthless for any purpose whatever. To pass it as it is now drawn would not require anyone to comply with the provisions of the law and would necessarily create endless and unnecessary confusion. The Bill is therefore disapproved and vetoed.

Respectfully,



Governor