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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

June 4, 1923.

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am filing herewith, together with my veto and disapproval, House Concurrent Resolution No. 9.

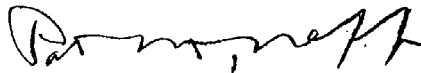
This resolution provides that a committee of five members of the House and three members of the Senate be appointed by the respective presiding officers to investigate the ownership of stock and the general business transactions existing by and between oil companies doing business in Texas. The bill is vetoed and disapproved for the following reasons:

1st: There is no limit placed on the committee as to the extent of its operations, either geographically or financially.

2nd: The courts of this State have recently held that a committee, organized as provided in this resolution, has no authority to compel the attendance of a witness, or to punish in any way a witness for declining to testify before said committee. In view of this court decision, the work outlined for this committee to perform would necessarily be ineffective.

This bill is therefore disapproved and vetoed.

Respectfully,



Governor