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**Veto Message: Governor Proctor  
1923 (H.31)**

**An act to amend No. 338 of the Acts of 1908 relative to the sale of the real estate  
of the First Congregational Church of Winooski.**

STATE OF VERMONT  
Executive Department.  
Montpelier, Vt., March 31, 1923

Was taken up, and the Speaker laid before the House the following communication directed to the House from His Excellency, the Governor:

*"To the House of Representatives:*

I have the honor to return without my approval, House bill, entitled

H. 31. An act to amend No. 338 of the Acts of 1908 relative to the sale of the real estate of the First Congregational Church of Winooski,

For the reason that this bill appears to conflict with Chapter 2, section 65 of the Constitution which reads as follows;

"No charter of incorporation shall be granted, extended, changed or amended by special law, except in such municipal, charitable, educational, penal or reformatory corporations as are to be and remain under the patronage or control of the state; but the General Assembly shall provide by General Laws for the organization of all corporations hereafter to be created. All General Laws passed pursuant to this section may be altered from time to time or repealed."

Also for the further reason that there appear to be statutory provisions to enable said corporation to accomplish the purposes contemplated by this act.

REDFIELD PROCTOR,  
Governor."

**Governor's Veto Sustained  
H.31, 1923**

The Governor's veto was sustained in the House:  
**Yeas 14 Nays 182**

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Sources: *Journal of the House*, March 31, 1923 (pages 718-719)