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**Veto Message: Governor Proctor
1923 (S.4)**

**An act to prohibit the introduction of foreign fats into milk and to regulate the sale
of condensed and evaporated milk.**

STATE OF VERMONT
Executive Department.
Montpelier, Vt., March 14, 1923.

I am directed by the Governor to return herewith without his approval, with his objections in writing, a bill originating in the Senate, entitled

S. 4. An act to prohibit the introduction of foreign fats into milk and to regulate the sale of condensed and evaporated milk.

To the Honorable Senate:

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

S. 4. An act to prohibit the introduction of foreign fats into milk and to regulate the sale of condensed and evaporated milk;

For the reason that section 2, 3 and 5 thereof seem to unnecessarily interfere with the manufacture and sale of what may be a wholesome food product.

Section 2 makes it unlawful to manufacture or sell milk, or any derivative of milk, to which has been added any fat or oil other than milk fat. Provided the oil or fat added is a wholesome food product and the package is properly labeled to indicate the exact nature of the substance added, I do not understand the necessity of a law prohibiting the sale.

Section 3 makes unlawful the sale of condensed, evaporated or

powdered skim milk in less than ten-pound containers. I cannot see the justice of this provision or the reason why less than ten-pound containers should be forbidden and ten-pound containers permissible.

Section 5 makes unlawful the first sale of filled milk products shipped into Vermont from another state. The result of this is to make it lawful for a merchant to buy such product from out of the State and resell in this State, but unlawful to both buy and resell in this State. This will give an unfair advantage to out-of-state wholesalers over Vermont wholesalers.

REDFIELD PROCTOR,
Governor.

Governor's Veto Sustained
S.4 1923

The Governor's veto was overridden in the Senate:
Yeas 22. Nays 8.

The Governor's veto was sustained in the House:
Yeas 62 Nays 162.

Sources: *Journal of the Senate*, March 14, 1923 (pages 327-328, and 383);
Journal of the House, (page 564)