

A. H. Gufler to Governor Ben Paulen

In this letter, A.H. Gufler expresses disappointment in the language of the new Kansas cigarette law and encloses a newspaper article by the associated press in which Governor Paulen is quoted.

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Emporia, Kansas. Feb. 2, 1927.
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Hon. Ben Paulen,
c/o State House,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Paulen:

In connection with attached article, clipped from this evening's Gazette, assuming that the Associated Press correctly quoted you, we wish to commend you for the statement that you intend to sign the bill repealing the Kansas Anti-Cigaret law and at the same time equally commend you for the statement that the bill, as it seemed necessary to pass it, did not receive your full approval. We think your criticisms, as no doubt a majority of the senate also believed, are very logical.

It seems a pity that a majority of the members of the House could not join McGugin and the proponents and supporters of the new bill in enacting a law that would have better stood the test of time and experience. However, it was no doubt the best that those believing the present law is a farce could do.

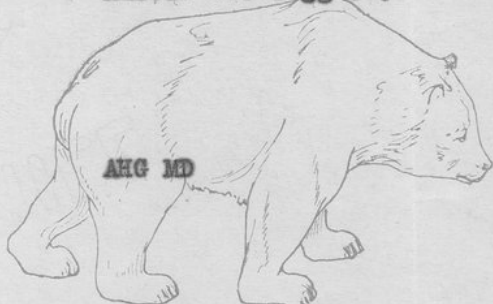
If this new legislation becomes a law, as we sincerely hope it will, and we believe seventy-five per cent of the people desire, there may be a better chance to correct its weaknesses and inconsistencies with later legislation.

Our opinion is that after this law has been tried out, for a while, the people of Kansas will better appreciate the wisdom and vision of those who were responsible for its enactment. The administration is to be credited with having been responsible for putting over a bill that will bring a surprising amount of revenue to the state, most of which has heretofore gone to Missouri merchants and Kansas bootleggers.

Yours truly,

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By *A. H. Gufler*
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WAY BY WHICH QUALITY AND ECONOMY
CAN BE ARGUED INTO A PRODUCT.
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Dear Governor
Attached are letters
from today's letter

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PAULEN TO SIGN NEW CIGARET BILL

**But Executive Is Displeased
With Three Provisions
of Measure.**

CARRIES SENATE 32 TO 5

Upper House Makes No Change in
McGugin Bill as Passed
in House.

Topeka, Feb. 2 (P)—Governor Paulen will sign the bill repealing the Kansas anti-cigarette law, but he will probably send the legislature a message expressing his objections to several provisions in the measure.

Shortly after the senate passed the bill today, 32 to 5, without amending it, the governor told The Associated Press that at least three provisions did not receive his full approval.

The governor pronounced as "silly" the section forbidding the advertising of cigarettes. He pointed out that consumers of a lawful article should have the privilege of learning through advertisements where they can buy it. He also protested that a penalty of one year's imprisonment for the sale of cigarettes to minors was too severe. Another part of the bill disapproved by Governor Paulen fixes license fees of cigarette retailers in cities of the second class at \$100, the same as in cities of the first class. The governor said merchants in smaller towns should pay a smaller fee.

Senators voting in favor of the passage of the bill were: Arbuthnot, Baker, Bennett, Call, Dalton, Davis, Finley, Frizzell, Geddes, Getty, Gray, Graybill, Hammond, Hegler, Immell, Jackson, Johnson, Knapp, Laing, Norman, Parker of Lyon, Parker of Morris, Schmidt, Smyth, Snyder, Spencer, Symms, Thorne, Van de Mark, Vincent, Warren, Whitman.

Senators voting against the bill were:
Behrens, Gabrielson, King, Mor-
ton, Nixon.

Senators absent were:
Apt, Butler, Sparks.

The bill was passed by the senate exactly as it was received from the lower chamber. Numerous amendments, proposed yesterday when the bill was considered by the upper chamber were wiped out in one sweep when the senate acting in committee of the whole adopted a motion by Senator Van de Mark of Concordia to pass the bill as it was approved by the house.

Several senators explained their votes. One, Nixon of Peck, voted against passage, explaining he believed the bill as amended by the senate yesterday would have been satisfactory, but had been ruined "by striking out the amendments."

Nine votes were cast against the Van de Mark bill two years ago which was killed later in the house.