

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROTECT THE DAIRY INTERESTS, AND FOR THE PUNISHMENT OF
FRAUD CONNECTED THEREWITH.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That every person
2 who shall manufacture for sale, or who shall offer or expose for sale, any article or substance
3 in semblance of butter not the legitimate product of the dairy, and not made exclusively of
4 milk or cream, but into which the oil or fat of animals enters as one of the component parts,
5 or into which melted butter, or any oil thereof, has been introduced to take the place of
6 cream, shall distinctly, legally and durably brand, stamp or mark the word "oleomargerine"
7 upon every tub, firkin, or other package of the said substance; and that all letters used in
8 stamping, branding or marking said package to be not less in size than three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of an
9 inch in length and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch in width; and in case of retail sale of such article or
10 substance in parcels, the seller shall in all cases deliver therewith to the purchaser a written
11 or printed label, bearing the plainly written or printed word "oleomargerine," and in every
12 instance before delivery of the parcel of said article or substance to the purchaser, the seller
13 shall be required to call the attention of the purchaser to the label above described.

SEC. 2. Every person who shall knowingly sell, or offer or expose for sale, or who shall
2 cause or procure to be sold, any article or substance required by the first section of this act
3 to be branded, stamped or labeled, not so marked, branded, stamped or labeled, shall be guilty
4 of a misdemeanor; proof of the sale, or offer, or exposure alleged, shall be presumptive evi-
5 dence of knowledge of the character of the article so sold, or offered, and that the same was
6 not marked, branded, stamped or labeled, as required by this act.

SEC. 3. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall, for each and every violation,
2 be fined not less than fifty dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and shall be confined
3 in the county jail not less than thirty days, nor more than ninety days.

MR. CLAYTON, from the committee on agriculture, submitted the following report:

MR. SPEAKER :

Your committee on agriculture, to whom was referred senate file No. 53, a bill for an act to protect the dairy interests, and for the punishment of fraud connected therewith, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

B. F. CLAYTON, *Chairman.*

Ordered passed on file.

SENATE FILE NO. 53.]

[BY TIRRILL.

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