

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

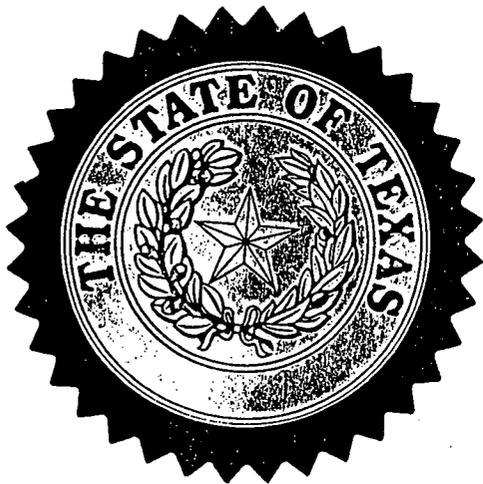
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 3554 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 3554 would allow the City of Laredo to bypass federal regulations and state safety objectives in selecting the location of a border safety inspection facility. Congress implemented these facilities to inspect commercial vehicles crossing the border and intended the facilities to be located at border crossings. Similarly, the Texas Department of Public Safety has selected a site near Laredo's border with Mexico to improve roadway safety.

The City of Laredo has already objected to the site selection for the border inspection facility through its lawsuit against the state and federal government. The city's desire to locate the facility some 30 miles away from the border crossing not only violates federal regulations but also would undermine highway safety.

I have consistently supported roadway safety and measures to ensure that commercial vehicles crossing our border with Mexico meet the same standards that other commercial vehicles must meet.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
7:30 PM O'CLOCK

JUN 20 2003

ATTESTED BY:

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