

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
TO MAKE INSPECTIONS OF PLANTS.

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Congressman John E. Fogarty, Democrat of Rhode Island, today submitted a bill to protect the public health and welfare by restoring authority for factory inspections under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. According to Fogarty, The U.S. Supreme Court destroyed the inspection system of the Food and Drug Administration in a decision it made in December of 1952. This decision, in effect, cancelled the authority the agency had to protect the public health by insisting that permission of the plant owner be obtained before an inspection could be made.

"It is quite obvious and most likely that those very plants which refuse permission are the ones in which health standards would be most unsafe and unsanitary", said the Congressman from the Second District of Rhode Island. Under Fogarty's bill The Food and Drug Administration could inspect any plant "after first giving written notice to the owner".