

Docket No. 79-1

SENATOR GEORGE L. GUNTHER

vs.

LOBBY AGAINST RAISING THE DRINKING AGE

STIPULATION AND ORDER

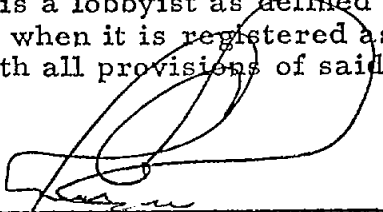
LARDA stipulates and the Ethics Commission finds that:

1. In February, 1979, the organization known as LARDA formed and made expenditures in furtherance of lobbying in excess of three hundred dollars. LARDA thereby became a lobbyist as "lobbyist" is defined in subsection 1-91(1), Connecticut General Statutes. Under the provisions of subsections 1-94(b) and 1-95(a), Connecticut General Statutes, LARDA became obligated to register as a lobbyist with the Ethics Commission in February, 1979. In violation of those subsections, LARDA did not register as a lobbyist in February, 1979. LARDA's failure to register was not a willful violation of subsections 1-94(b) and 1-95(a), Connecticut General Statutes.


2. On March 3, 1979, LARDA registered as a lobbyist with the Ethics Commission. Subsequently it has endeavored to comply in all respects with the requirements imposed upon lobbyists by Chapter 10, Part II, Connecticut General Statutes and by Ethics Commission Regulations.

3. LARDA waives any right it may have to a hearing to determine whether in February, 1979, LARDA violated subsection 1-94(b) or subsection 1-95(a), Connecticut General Statutes, and agrees with the Ethics Commission to an informal disposition of this matter as permitted by subsection 4-177(d), Connecticut General Statutes.

WHEREFORE, LARDA agrees to and the Ethics Commission enters this order: In lieu of any other action it is authorized by law to take with respect to LARDA's violation in February, 1979, of subsections 1-94(b) and 1-95(a), Connecticut General Statutes, the Ethics Commission orders LARDA, when it is a lobbyist as defined in Chapter 10, Part II, Connecticut General Statutes, or when it is registered as a lobbyist with the Ethics Commission, to comply with all provisions of said Part and with Ethics Commission Regulations.

  
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President LARDA Inc  
MAY 15, 1979

By Order of the Commission

  
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Executive Director and  
General Counsel  
May 22, 1979

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CONNECTICUT STATE ETHICS COMMISSION  
30 TRINITY STREET  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06115

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COMPLAINT

I wish to register with the State Ethics Commission a complaint of violation of:

- The Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees, Public Act 77-600.
- The Code of Ethics for Lobbyists, Public Act 77-605.

Time and date: Diverse times throughout the day on February 27, 1979 on station WPOP, Newington, Conn, a paid advertisement lobbying against the raising of the drinking age was broadcast paid for by the "Lobby Place: Against Raising the Drinking Age.

Throughout the State of Connecticut.

Persons involved:

"Lobby Against Raising the Drinking Age" et al.

Circumstances which indicate that the Public Act (or Acts) designated above was violated are as follows:

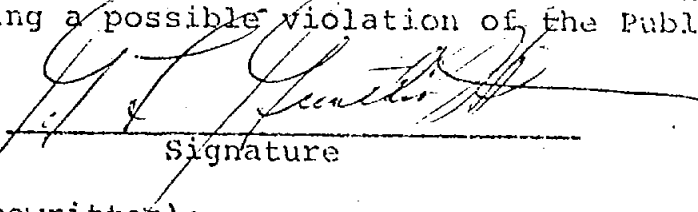
have checked with the Secretary of the State and the Ethics Commission on February 27th and February 28th to ascertain whether or not the "Lobby Against Raising the Drinking Age" had formally filed with these bodies. As of 2:45 p.m. on February 28th this has not been accomplished.

I would further complain that the content of the radio script was misleading as there was an implication that all restaurants were a party to this broadcast. On checking with the Associated Restaurants of CT, 179 Allyn St, Hartford, CT and they said the Association was not a party to the advertisement. This organization also testified at the Bridgeport & Hartford hearings on drinking age legislation.

Statute - Sec. 1-94b, Chapter 10, Part 1.  
Reg. - Sec. 1-92-49.

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I hereby certify under penalty of false statement that I believe that the foregoing statement describing a possible violation of the Public Act or Acts designated is true.

  
Signature

Name and address (printed or typewritten):

George L. Gunther  
890 Judson Place  
Stratford, CT 06497

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Hartford, CT 06115

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