

NATIONAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

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Mr. RIGGS, from the Committee on the Public Health, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2785.]

*The Committee on the Public Health, to whom was referred the bill H. R. 2785, have carefully considered the same and the important subjects which it involves, and have the honor to report :*

That they do not think it would be wise to confer upon the National Board of Health the broad powers which they would possess if this bill should become a law. We believe it will be best to leave the management of the quarantine and epidemics where it rests now. The Secretary of the Treasury in his last annual report assures us that the present plan has furnished good results, and we are convinced his statement is correct. Yet we are of the opinion the National Board of Health should be preserved, and that it should be provided with reasonable means to pay the expenses of its existence and of such work as properly comes within its sphere.

Therefore your committee recommend that the bill mentioned do not pass.

They further recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.