

BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR DISABLED VOLUNTEER SOLDIERS.

JUNE 13, 1922.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10913.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10913) to amend sections 4826 and 4827 of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to Board of Managers of National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass.

The purpose of this amendment is to cause to function all members of the Board of Managers and to make the President of the United States more directly responsible for the administration of the affairs of the military homes.

The President of the United States, the Chief Justice, and the Secretary of War, although named as members of the Board of Managers, have been unable to give attention to the affairs of the homes nor could they well do so.

There has been much criticism because neither the War nor any other department of the Government has any control over these homes. The Board of Managers report to Congress and no report has been published in two years.

The President, Chief Justice, and Secretary of War all approve the purpose of this bill, and the result will be to permit them to be represented on the Board of Managers and maintain their active interest as originally intended.

This legislation is urged because of a multitude of complaints about the management of the home, especially the Central Branch at Dayton, Ohio. Many of the present members of the board, veterans of the Civil War, are of advanced age, and the choice of an executive officer or president of the board is now too restricted.

The original act was passed in 1866, and subsequent amendments have not covered the purpose of these amendments. It seems advisable to place this board now directly under the executive branch of the Government.