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GEORGE HARRY STRANAHAN

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Mr. BINGHAM, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1602]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1602) for the relief of George Harry Stranahan, having considered the same, report it back to the Senate and recommend that the bill do not pass.

The report of the Veterans' Administration is as follows:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, January 12, 1932.

Hon. REED SMOOT,
Chairman Committee on Finance,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR SMOOT: This report is furnished in connection with your request of December 29, 1931, and concerning S. 1602, a bill for the relief of George Harry Stranahan.

A review of the official records discloses that the claimant was inducted by the local draft board October 3, 1918, physically qualified for special or limited service. However, on examination at camp, October 9, 1918, he was found physically unfit for service by reason of pulmonary tuberculosis and was discharged from the draft October 11, 1918. It is noted that when application for compensation was executed, April 2, 1923, it was stated the alleged disability, chronic pulmonary tuberculosis, began in the year of 1916.

After careful consideration of the entire file it was the decision of the council on appeals that no evidence had been presented showing the disability in question was incurred during the period of nine days' service in the draft or that this condition was aggravated during that time; therefore, compensation is not payable.

The records indicate that the case is to be considered by the administrator's board of appeals in the near future.

As to the consideration of special legislation in this claim, it does not appear that this case has any more merit than similar cases which have been disallowed for the same reason. As you know, it is against the policy of the Veterans' Administration to recommend special legislation, except where administrative error or legal technicality has worked detriment or disadvantage to the person in whose favor legislation is sought.

A copy of this letter is inclosed for your use.

Very truly yours,

FRANK T. HINES, *Administrator.*