

INTERMENT OF REMAINS OF MARIE IRENE DONALDSON
AND DAUGHTER.

FEBRUARY 21, 1903.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BABCOCK, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 7223.]

The Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 7223) providing for the interment of the remains of Marie Irene Donaldson and her daughter, Marie Irene Donaldson, report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

Your committee adopts as a part of its report the following taken from the report made in the Senate by Mr. Gallinger:

The bill has the approval of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, as will appear by the following letter:

OFFICE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, February 4, 1903.

SIR: The Commissioners have the honor to recommend favorable action upon Senate bill 7223, providing for the interment of the remains of Marie Irene Donaldson and her daughter, Marie Irene Donaldson, which was referred to them at your instance for their views thereon, and inclose herewith a report from the health officer of the District, upon which this recommendation is based.

Very respectfully,

HENRY B. F. MACFARLAND,
President Board of Commissioners District of Columbia.

Hon. J. H. GALLINGER,
*Acting Chairman of Committee on District of Columbia,
United States Senate.*

FEBRUARY 3, 1903.

GENTLEMEN: Relative to a bill providing for the interment in the District of Columbia of the remains of Marie Irene Donaldson and her daughter, Marie Irene Donaldson (S. 7223), which was referred by you to this department, I have the honor to submit the following report:

The health department is advised that the late Marie Irene Donaldson and her daughter, Marie Irene Donaldson, died about two years ago in Santo Domingo from yellow fever. The interment of their remains is therefore forbidden by section 13 of an act to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in the District of Columbia, approved March 3, 1897, which provides that no body of any person who has died

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of yellow fever shall be carried into or out of the District of Columbia except in transit. A special act of Congress is therefore necessary if these remains are to be interred in this District.

Since the enactment of the law above referred to a better knowledge has been acquired, through the researches of the late Maj. Walter Reed and others, of the means by which yellow fever is spread, and it may now be asserted that these remains can be brought into the District of Columbia for interment without giving rise even to a possibility of spreading that disease. I respectfully recommend, therefore, that this bill be returned to the Senate Committee on the District of Columbia with a recommendation that it be favorably acted upon.

Respectfully,

WM. C. WOODWARD, M. D.,
Health Officer.

The COMMISSIONERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, D. C.

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