PENDING LEGISLATION FOR FEDERAL AID TO SCIENCE

On November 14, 1945, a number of persons met at the call of President Isaiah Bowman, of the Johns Hopkins University, to discuss pending legislation for federal aid to science, as represented in the two bills proposed respectively by Senator Magnuson (S. 1285) and Senator Kilgore (S. 1297). Both bills propose a national research or science foundation for federal aid to science, but the two bills start from wholly different premises with respect to the purpose of such a foundation and therefore they present widely divergent points of view and completely different organizations. Senator Magnuson's bill is based upon Dr. Vannevar Bush’s report to President Truman, entitled “Science, the Endless Frontier.”

Those present at the above meeting moved to bring into existence a Committee Supporting the Bush Report, one purpose of this committee being to restate the fundamental principles emphasized in Dr. Bush’s report, since it is believed that observance of these principles is of paramount importance to the whole future of scientific research. It has seemed appro-