FLU ORDINANCE DEFEATED BY 9 TO 7 VOTE
Decision Follows Hot Argument, in Which Members of Board Exchange Unkind Personalities
No Action to Be Taken by Health Department Unless Imperative, Says Dr. Hassler After Meeting

The session yesterday afternoon was divided into two parts. First, the Supervisors' Health Committee met and listened to arguments and made a report. The committee divided three to five and submitted two reports. Chairman Joseph Lahaney and James B. McSheedy recommended the passage of the ordinance making mask wearing obligatory.

Opposed to this action was a majority of the committee, consisting of Schmitz, Price and Hayden. Both the majority and minority reports were read and after the parliametary entanglements had been cleared away the Supervisors took a straight vote on the passage of the ordinance.

HEALTH BOARD SAYS IT WILL USE AUTHORITY
Declaring that it would exercise its powers of quarantine and close institutions if the influenza should demand it, the Board of Health last night issued a statement to the public to this effect.

The statement, in part, read: The Board of Health being refused by the Board of Supervisors that legislation which it deemed proper and advisable under the circumstances will proceed to take such other steps and measures, it will remove the danger of further spread of the disease and resulting death.

In taking such steps it may be necessary to proceed to the point of extending its powers of quarantine, closing certain institutions, but the Board of Health assures the public it will only do so when it becomes apparent that such measures are absolutely necessary.