



Seventy-seventh Congress of the United States of America;

At the First Session

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Friday, the third  
day of January, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one

JOINT RESOLUTION

Declaring that a state of war exists between the Government of  
Germany and the Government and the people of the United States  
and making provision to prosecute the same.

Whereas the Government of Germany has formally declared war  
against the Government and the people of the United States of  
America: Therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United  
States of America in Congress assembled, That the state of war  
between the United States and the Government of Germany which  
has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally  
declared; and the President is hereby authorized and directed to  
employ the entire naval and military forces of the United States  
and the resources of the Government to carry on war against the  
Government of Germany; and, to bring the conflict to a successful  
termination, all of the resources of the country are hereby pledged  
by the Congress of the United States.*

*Harold Lloyd*  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Charles McNary*  
Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.

*Approved*  
*December 11 - 1941 305 p.m. E.S.T.*  
*Franklin D. Roosevelt*