

PUBLIC LAWS OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH CONGRESS  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES

*Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the second day of April, 1917, and was adjourned without day on Saturday, the sixth day of October, 1917.*

WOODROW WILSON, President; THOMAS R. MARSHALL, Vice President; WILLARD SAULSBURY, President of the Senate *pro tempore*; CHAMP CLARK, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**CHAP. 1.**—Joint Resolution Declaring that a state of war exists between the Imperial German Government and the Government and the people of the United States and making provision to prosecute the same.

April 6, 1917.  
[S. J. Res. 1.]

[Pub. Res., No. 1.]

Whereas the Imperial German Government has committed repeated acts of war against the Government and the people of the United States of America: Therefore be it

Preamble.

*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 Imperial German Government which has thus been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared; and that the President be, and he 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 Imperial German Government; 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.

War with Germany.  
Declaration of.  
*Post*, p. 1650.

President authorized  
to use Army, Navy,  
etc., to prosecute.

Approved, April 6, 1917.

**CHAP. 2.**—An Act Making appropriations for certain expenses incident to the first session of the Sixty-fifth Congress, and for other purposes.

April 11, 1917.  
[H. R. 122.]

[Public, No. 1.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, namely:

Appropriations for  
first session Sixty-fifth  
Congress.

LEGISLATIVE.

The appropriations for mileage of Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, and Delegates from the Territories, and expenses of Resident Commissioners, made in the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation Act for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighteen, are made immediately available and authorized to be paid

Mileage for Congress  
immediately available.  
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