

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. Martin introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

## JOINT RESOLUTION

(These are the words of the joint resolution.)

1. ~~Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United~~
2. ~~States of America in Congress assembled,~~

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

Whereas, the recent acts of the Imperial German Government are acts of war against the Government and (the) people of the United States:

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 take immediate steps (not only) to put the country in a thorough state of defense, (but) <sup>and</sup> also to exert all of its power and employ all of its resources to carry on war against the Imperial German Government and to bring the conflict to a successful termination.