IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 15, 1944

Mr. Pepper introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the broadcasting of the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

 Whereas during the coming months and years most of the major social, economic, and political issues of the United States and of the world will be debated by the Congress of the United States; and

 Whereas the interests of every citizen are vitally affected by these proceedings and their outcome; and

 Whereas there has been mounting public interest throughout the country in the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and

 Whereas the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives are of necessity presented only in brief extracts or summaries by newspapers and news broadcasters, with the result that issues and the stands taken by Senators and Representatives are frequently misunderstood; and
Whereas radio broadcasting makes it possible to bring the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives directly to the people of the United States: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That radio broadcasting stations and radio broadcasting networks are hereby authorized to broadcast any proceedings on the floor of the Senate or of the House of Representatives:

Provided, however, That no station or network shall be required to broadcast any proceeding, nor shall any proceedings of either House be broadcast when such House otherwise orders; and

That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and directed to make such arrangements as may be necessary to make available the proceedings of the Senate and the House of Representatives for broadcasting by stations and networks; and

That the Architect of the Capitol is further authorized and directed to install such recordings or transcribing equipment as may be necessary to make a complete and continuous mechanical recording of the proceedings; and

That the Architect of the Capitol is further authorized and directed to make available at cost copies of such mechanical recordings to broadcasting stations and networks desiring to broadcast them.
RESOLVED, That the committee on Rules

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BY MR. PEPER

RESOLVED, That the committee on Rules

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