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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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

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

3 That radio broadcasting stations and radio broadcasting net-
4 works are hereby authorized to broadcast any proceedings
5 on the floor of the Senate or of the House of Representatives:

6 *Provided, however,* That no station or network shall be
7 required to broadcast any proceeding, nor shall any proceed-
8 ings of either House be broadcast when such House otherwise
9 orders; and

10 That the Architect of the Capitol is authorized and
11 directed to make such arrangements as may be necessary to
12 make available the proceedings of the Senate and the House
13 of Representatives for broadcasting by stations and net-
14 works; and

15 That the Architect of the Capitol is further authorized
16 and directed to install such recordings or transcribing equip-
17 ment as may be necessary to make a complete and continu-
18 ous mechanical recording of the proceedings; and

19 That the Architect of the Capitol is further authorized
20 and directed to make available at cost copies of such mechani-
21 cal recordings to broadcasting stations and networks desiring
22 to broadcast them.

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