

# 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. Vol. 39, pp. 1070, 1073.

to Senators, Members of the House of Representatives, Delegates from the Territories, and Resident Commissioners, for attendance on the first session of the Sixty-fifth Congress.

House of Representatives.

#### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Stationery.

For stationery for Members and Delegates and Resident Commissioners, at \$125 each, for the first session of the Sixty-fifth Congress, \$55,000.

Employees until June 30, 1917.

For the following employees during the first session of the Sixty-fifth Congress, but not longer than until and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, namely:

Pages.

For forty-six pages, including two riding pages, four telephone pages, one press gallery page, and ten pages for duty at the entrances to the Hall of the House, at \$2.50 per day each; nine messengers in the post office at the rate of \$100 per month each; in all, \$13,020, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Post office messengers.

Approved, April 11, 1917.

April 17, 1917.  
[H. R. 12.]

(Public, No. 2.)

**CHAP. 3.**—An Act Making appropriations to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and prior fiscal years, and for other purposes.

Deficiencies appropriations.

*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, to supply deficiencies in appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and prior fiscal years, and for other purposes, namely:

Executive.

#### EXECUTIVE.

Executive Office.  
Contingent expenses.

For contingent expenses of the Executive Office, including stationery, record books, telegrams, telephones, books for library, furniture and carpets for offices, automobiles, expenses of garage, including labor, and miscellaneous items, to be expended in the discretion of the President, \$2,500.

Smithsonian Institution.

#### SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

International exchanges.

For the system of international exchanges between the United States and foreign countries, under the direction of the Smithsonian Institution, including necessary employees and purchase of necessary books and periodicals, \$3,500.

Federal Trade Commission.

#### FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.

Special attorneys, etc.

For compensation, travel expense, and per diem in lieu of subsistence at the rate of \$4, of such special attorneys, special experts, special examiners, special agents, clerks, and other employees as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying on the work of said commission; no salary shall be paid hereunder exceeding the rate of \$5,000 per annum; \$50,000.

George Johannes.  
Credit in accounts.

The accounting officers of the Treasury Department are authorized and directed to credit in the accounts of George Johannes, special disbursing agent, Federal Trade Commission, the sum of \$94.65, representing amounts paid by him for subscriptions to periodicals and publications of the nature of books of reference disallowed by the accounting officers of the Treasury Department.