

By Mr. Lanigan of Boston, petition of George T. Lanigan for the adoption of resolutions memorializing the President of the United States to sponsor a movement for representation of His Holiness the Pope at the peace conference. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO SPONSOR A MOVEMENT THAT HIS HOLINESS THE POPE BE REPRESENTED AT THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

1 *Whereas*, The president of these United States, in
2 our national emergency, has appointed a personal
3 representative to the Vatican at Rome, to promote
4 the national welfare and to re-establish world order;
5 and

6 *Whereas*, It is evident to all thinking and serious-
7 minded people, regardless of their religion, that the
8 chaos, bloodshed and aggression which prevail in the
9 world today require the people of every state who
10 believe in God and Justice to exercise their united
11 efforts and co-operation so that civilization may
12 endure; and

13 *Whereas*, Our great nation, during its history and
14 by its pledge in the Atlantic Charter and Dumbarton
15 Oaks Conference, has reaffirmed its traditional policy
16 of freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom

17 from want and freedom from fear, all of which is in
18 accordance with the hopes and endeavors of the
19 Vatican; and

20 *Whereas*, The best interests of our national security,
21 prosperity, and world leadership for peace and humane
22 progress require it; be it

23 *Resolved*, That the president of the United States
24 use his good offices to sponsor a movement on the
25 part of the Allied Nations, inviting His Holiness the
26 Pope to be represented, together with other world
27 leaders with humane tendencies, at the conference
28 held to establish permanent world peace.