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Resolved. That the Attorney General of the United States is requested to advise and inform the Senate whether or not the Department of Justice has taken legal proceedings, and if not, why not, and if so, to what extent, for the arrest and punishment of the various persons within the United States who during recent days and weeks and for a considerable time continuously previous thereto, it is alleged, have attempted to bring about the forcible overthrow of the Government of the United States; who, it is alleged, have preached anarchy and sedition; who, it is alleged, have advised the defiance of law and authority, both by the printing and circulation of printed newspapers, books, pamphlets, circulars, stickers, and dodgers, and also by spoken word; and who, in like manner, it is alleged, have advised and openly advocated the unlawful obstruction of industry and the unlawful and violent destruction of property in pursuance of a deliberate plan and purpose to destroy existing property rights and to impede and obstruct the conduct of business essential to the prosperity and life of the community.

Also, the Attorney General is requested to advise and inform the Senate whether or not the Department of Justice has taken legal proceedings for the arrest and deportation of aliens who, it is alleged, have, within the United States, committed the acts aforesaid. And if not, why not; and if so, to what extent.

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