~~The title was [illegible] motion of Mr. BOYD, amended to read as follows: "An act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the Republic of Mexico."~~

~~The bill, as it passed the House of Representatives, is as follows:~~

~~A BILL to authorize the President of the United States, under certain contingencies therein named, to accept the services of volunteers, and for other purposes.~~

Whereas, by the act of the Republic of Mexico, a state of war exists between that Government and the United States: Therefore—

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of enabling the Government of the United States to prosecute said war to a speedy and successful termination, the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ the militia, naval, and military forces of the United States, and to call for and accept the services of any number of volunteers, not exceeding fifty thousand, who may offer their services, as cavalry, artillery, infantry, or riflemen, to serve ~~six or~~ twelve months after they shall have arrived at the place of rendezvous, or to the end of the war, unless sooner discharged. That the sum of ten millions of dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury or to come into the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this act into effect.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the militia, when called into service of the United States by virtue of this act, or any other act, may, if in the opinion of the President of the United States the public interest requires it, be compelled to serve for a term not exceeding six months after their arrival at the place of rendezvous, in any one year, unless sooner discharged.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said volunteers shall furnish their own clothes, and, if cavalry, their own horses; and, when mustered into service, shall be armed ~~and equipped~~ at the expense of the United States.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That said volunteers, when called into actual service, and while remaining therein, shall be subject to the rules and articles of war, and shall be, in all respects, except as to clothing and pay, placed on the same footing with similar corps of the United States army; and, in lieu of clothing, every non-commissioned officer and private in any company who may thus offer himself, shall be entitled, when called into actual service, to receive in money a sum equal to the cost of clothing of a non-commissioned officer or private (as the case may be) in the regular troops of the United States.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the said volunteers so offering their services shall be accepted by the President in companies, battalions, squadrons, and regiments, whose officers shall be appointed in the manner prescribed by law in the several States and Territories to which such companies, battalions, squadrons, and regiments shall respectively belong.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be and he is hereby authorized to organize companies so tendering their services into battalions or squadrons; battalions and squadrons into regiments; regiments into brigades, and brigades into divisions, as soon as the number of volunteers shall render such organization, in his judgment, expedient ~~and~~ shall, by and with the advice of the Senate, appoint the generals of brigade and division, and the general staff, as now authorized by law: *Provided, however,* That major generals and brigadier generals shall have the appointment of their own aids-de-camp, and the President shall, if necessary, apportion the staff, field, and general officers among the respective States and Territories from which the volunteers shall tender their services, as he may deem proper.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the volunteers who may be received into the service of the United States by virtue of the provisions of this act, who may be wounded or otherwise disabled in service, shall be entitled to all the benefit which may be conferred on persons wounded in the service of the United States.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be and he is hereby authorized forthwith to complete all the public armed vessels now authorized by law, and to purchase or charter, arm, equip, and man such merchant vessels and steamboats as upon examination may be found fit or easily converted into armed vessels, fit for the public service, and in such number as he may deem necessary for the protection of the seaboard, lake-coast, and the general defence of the country.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That, whenever the militia or volunteers are called and received into the service of the United States, under the provisions of this act, they shall have the organization of the army of the United States, and shall have the same pay and allowances, except as follows, to wit: Privates of infantry, artillery, and riflemen, shall receive ten dollars per month, and privates of volunteer mounted corps twenty dollars per month for their services and the use and risk of their horses.

except of horses killed in action

~~expelling invasions from the United States~~

~~Strike out the preamble.~~

~~repel invasion~~

Sec 1. line 13 insert after discharged insert according to the time for which they shall have been mustered into service

Sec. 3 line 2 after horses insert and horse equipments

line 3 Strike out & equipped"

Sec 6. line out after "expedient" line 6 to "and" in line 10

Strike out generals.

Sec. 9 after "allowances" in line 5 strike out to end of section & insert

Privates receive, &c

strike out 10 and insert 8.

insert: and if any mounted volunteer shall not keep himself provided with a serviceable horse, the said volunteer shall then serve on foot.