

## **World War II**

### **Memories of Representative Jeannette Rankin Joe Bartlett, Clerk to the Minority**

Memories of Representative Jeannette Rankin's lone dissenting vote.

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And, of course, when came time for her vote, she voted no. And was the only one. And, of course, it was her second time of sacrificing her seat in Congress for a vote against war. She immediately—the House adjourned very shortly. And in those days, the press was allowed to come onto the floor as soon as the gavel came down. And they did. She ran into the cloakroom. We had very large phone booths, not like the ones now. We had great big phone booths. And she jumped in a phone booth and closed the door and put her knee up against the door and called the Capitol Police to come and rescue her, to escort her back to her office.