The President said:

The concurrence of opinion on the part of three members of the Senate present was expressed today that no action on neutrality can be obtained in the Senate at the present session, and that the majority of the Senate would prefer to sit a few months next year. Senator McNary expressed the opinion that they agreed that a majority of the Senate would prefer to sit a few months next year.

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The President maintained the definite position that failure by the country to take action now would weaken the leadership of the U.S. in exerting its influence in the issue of the present arms race.

The President said:

Statements written by the President in his own hand and issued to the Press at 11:45 P.M. July 18, 1939, following discussion with the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate on neutrality legislation.

The original statement in the President's longhand was given to Senator Barkley.