

Cortes, Government and the “Vital Forces” of Spain during World War I: the Junta de Iniciativas (1914-1915)*

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Abstract: *The Junta de iniciativas was a commission established by the Spanish government at the outbreak of the First World War, and it would operate until the beginning of 1915. An examination of its history highlights the influence the war had on the relationship between the Cortes and the government. In addition, the commission would spark parliamentary and political debates that shed light on the (in)ability of the legislative and executive branches to respond to the unprecedented needs facing the country.*

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Abbreviations: *Diario de Sesiones de las Cortes, Congreso de los Diputados (DSC); Gaceta de Madrid (GM); Archivo histórico de las Cortes, Serie General (ACD, SG).*

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