

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
memorandum

DATE: June 30, 1983

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Jack Lee, Director of Legislative Affairs 

SUBJECT: Markup of H.R. 2755, "FCC Authorization Act"

TO: Chairman and Commissioners
Bureau and Office Chiefs

Attached is a copy of H.R. 2755 with amendments ("FCC Authorization Act of 1983") as approved today by the full House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The bill includes:

- FCC authorizations for FY '84 and '85.
- CPB authorizations for FY '84-'86.
- Modification to Section 316 of the Communications Act
[as requested by the FCC]
- Clarification of enforcement authority of Section 503(b)(5)
[as requested by the FCC]

During today's markup of the bill, the full committee added five amendments, three (attached) pertaining to the FCC.

- Provisions to assure that CPB will exert greater control over NPR's financial condition. (by Dingell)
- A provision to permit the CPB Board to select a chairman, rather than having the CPB president serve as board chairman. (by Whittaker)
- Sec. 310(e): Broadcast provision re FCC rules on regional concentration of ownership — the grandfathered status shall not terminate if technical changes are made in station facilities. (by Broyhill)
- Adds Sec. 223(b) — criminal penalties and fines for obscene comments on the telephone, with enforcement jurisdiction given to the courts and the FCC. (by Bliley, in response to "Dial-a-Porn")
- A provision directing the FCC "to establish a plan which adequately ensures that the needs of the State and local public safety authorities would be taken into account in making allocations of the electromagnetic spectrum." (by Rinaldo & Waxman)

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