

89TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2825

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 1966

Referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

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2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       That title II of the Communications Act of 1934, as  
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6       “SEC. 223. OBSCENE OR HARASSING TELEPHONE  
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8       OR FOREIGN COMMERCE.—Whoever by means of telephone  
9       communication in the District of Columbia or in interstate  
10      or foreign commerce—

1           “(a) makes any comment, request, suggestion, or  
2 proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or  
3 indecent; or

4           “(b) makes a telephone call, whether or not con-  
5 versation ensues, without disclosing his identity and with  
6 intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, or harass any person  
7 at the called number; or

8           “(c) makes or causes the telephone of another re-  
9 peatedly or continuously to ring, with intent to harass  
10 any person at the called number; or

11           “(d) makes repeated telephone calls, during which  
12 conversation ensues, solely to harass any person at the  
13 called number; or

14 . Whoever knowingly permits any telephone under his control  
15 to be used for any purpose prohibited by this section—

16           “Shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned  
17 not more than six months, or both.”

Passed the Senate June 29, 1966.

Attest:

EMERY L. FRAZIER,

*Secretary.*

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19          SEC. 2. Section 3(e) of the Communications Act of 1934  
20          (47 U.S.C. 153(e)) is amended by inserting “(other than  
21          section 223 thereof)” immediately after “title II of this Act”.

Passed the Senate April 24, 1967.

Attest:

FRANCIS R. VALEO,  
Secretary.

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