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H. R. 851

To require the Federal Communications Commission to establish improved predictive models for determining the availability of television broadcast signals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 1999

Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. DINGELL, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. UPTON, Mr. GILLMOR, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. JOHN, Mr. GOSS, and Mr. BOEHLERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save Our Satellites
5 Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RULE-**
2 **MAKING REQUIRED.**

3 Title I of the Communications Act of 1934 is amend-
4 ed by inserting after section 11 (47 U.S.C. 161) the fol-
5 lowing new section:

6 **“SEC. 12. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RULE-**
7 **MAKING REQUIRED.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPROVED PREDICTIVE
9 MODELS REQUIRED.—Within 90 days after the date of
10 enactment of this section, the Commission shall establish
11 different predictive models for making determinations of
12 the boundaries of areas within the predicted Grade B Con-
13 tour of television broadcast stations for purposes of this
14 Act and for purposes of other Federal statutes and regula-
15 tions. Such models shall include a model based on one of
16 the models described in the Commission’s report and order
17 adopted February 2, 1999 (CS Docket 98–201).

18 “(b) TREATMENT AS UNSERVED HOUSEHOLD.—Any
19 subscriber who on February 24, 1999, is receiving from
20 a satellite carrier for private home viewing secondary
21 transmissions of programming contained in a primary
22 transmission made by a network station shall, during the
23 period beginning February 24, 1999, and until the Com-
24 mission completes the action required by subsection (a),
25 be treated as residing in an unserved household for pur-
26 poses of section 119 of title 17, United States Code.

1 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—The terms used in this section
2 have the meanings provided by section 119(d) of title 17,
3 United States Code.”.

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