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H. R. 426

To prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from requiring digital television tuners in television receivers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2003

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COX, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “TV Consumer Choice
5 Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON REQUIRING DIGITAL TELEVISION**
7 **TUNERS IN TELEVISION RECEIVERS.**

8 (a) PROHIBITION.—Neither section 303(s) of the
9 Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 303(s)) nor any
10 other provision of such Act shall be construed to authorize

1 the Federal Communications Commission to require, or
2 prescribe any schedule for the implementation of, digital
3 television reception capability in television broadcast re-
4 ception equipment.

5 (b) COMMISSION ACTIONS NULLIFIED.—The require-
6 ments and schedule established by the Commission for the
7 implementation of digital television reception capability in
8 television broadcast reception equipment as contained in
9 section 15.117(i) of the Commission’s regulations (47
10 CFR 15.117(i)) as modified in FCC 02–230 (August 8,
11 2002), shall not be effective except as expressly hereafter
12 provided by Act of Congress.

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