press Iran on this case at every opportunity and at every level—something I think the U.S. Government is beginning to do. Also, this resolution thanks the Swiss for their continued assistance in the case. It furthermore expresses appreciation for the efforts of Iranian officials who have cooperated to ensure the safety of the family during their visit of December of last year. This resolution also expresses sympathy to the Levinson family during this trying period. This is a wife and seven children of a former FBI agent; they have lost their country of Iran, missing now since the early part of 2007.

In this year, on July 28, the President of Iran stated during an interview with NBC that Iranian officials were willing to cooperate with the FBI on this case. Why is the FBI involved? The FBI is involved because he is a former FBI agent. This resolution calls upon the Tehran government to make this meeting happen as soon as possible to discuss the evidence the Iranians have uncovered about Mr. Levinson's disappearance.

Now, I wish to underscore that because on July 28 of this year the President of Iran stated in an NBC interview that Iranian officials were willing to cooperate with the FBI on this case. They have not. I wish to be blunt. We obviously have serious disagreements with Iran on its nuclear program and a whole range of other policies, but the Iranians haven't hesitated over the years, as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Senate Intelligence Committee, and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to express my opposition to a number of Tehran's policies—and I will continue to press for change in Iran's positions and activities—but I am calling on the Government of Iran out of human compassion and humanitarian assistance to a family of a wife and seven children to come forward and cooperate in trying to find and get evidence of the whereabouts of Bob Levinson.

We want to see an Iran where individuals are respected, not locked up in Evin Prison—we want to see an Iran that is respected—for signing a petition calling for women's rights—and I am calling on the Government of Iran out of human compassion and humanitarian assistance to a family of a wife and seven children to come forward and cooperate in trying to find and get evidence of the whereabouts of Bob Levinson.

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SEC. 2. COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED.

(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Federal Communications Commission shall, not later than January 15, 2009, develop and implement a program to encourage and permit, to the extent technically feasible and subject to such limitations as the Commission finds to be consistent with the public interest and the requirements of this Act, the broadcasting in the analog television service of only the public safety information and digital transition information specified in subsection (b) during the 30-day period beginning on the day after the date established by law under section 3002(b) of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 for termination of all licenses for full-power television stations in the analog television service and the cessation of broadcasting by full-power stations in the analog television service.

(b) INFORMATION REQUIRED.—The program required by subsection (a) shall provide for the broadcast of—

(1) emergency information, including critical details regarding the emergency, as broadcast or required to be broadcast by full-power stations in the digital television service;

(2) information, in both English and Spanish, and accessible to persons with disabilities, concerning—

(A) the digital television transition, including the fact that a transition has taken place and that additional action is required to continue receiving television service, including emergency notifications; and

(B) the steps required to enable viewers to receive such emergency information via the digital television service and to convert to receiving digital television service, including a phone number and Internet address by which help with such transition may be obtained in both English and Spanish; and

(3) such other information related to consumer education about the digital television transition or public health and safety or emergencies as the Commission may find to be consistent with the public interest.

SEC. 3. LIMITATIONS.

In designing the program required by this Act, the Commission shall—

(1) take into account market-by-market needs, based upon factors such as channel and transmitter availability;

(2) ensure that broadcasting of the program specified in section 2(b) will not cause harmful interference with signals in the digital television service;

(3) not require the analog television service signals broadcast under this Act to be retransmitted or otherwise carried pursuant to section 320(b), 338, 339, 340, 614, or 615 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 320(b), 338, 339, 340, 614, or 615);

(4) take into consideration broadcasters’ digital power levels and transition and coordination plans that already have been adopted with respect to cable systems and satellite carriage systems;

(5) prohibit any broadcast of analog television service signals under section 2(b) on any spectrum that is approved or pending approval by the Commission to be used for public safety radio services, including television channels 14-20; and

(6) not include the analog spectrum between channels 52 and 69, inclusive (between frequencies 698 and 806 megahertz, inclusive) reclaimed from analog television broadcast pursuant to section 300(j) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 300(j)).

SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Act, the term “emergency information” has the meaning such term has under part 79 of the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (47 C.F.R. part 79).

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:


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SENATOR TOM HARKIN, Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Sept. 26, 2008.


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