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June 19, 2000

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AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 4231

OFFERED BY: Mr. Markey

AMENDMENT No. 1: Page 3, line 23, insert "educational" after "nonprofit".

Page 4, line 3, insert "educational" before "religious".

H.R. 4231

OFFERED BY: Mr. Markey

(Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute)

AMENDMENT No. 2: Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the "Noncommercial Broadcasting Freedom of Expression Act of 2000".

SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF SERVICE OBLIGATIONS OR NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL OR PUBLIC BROADCAST STATIONS.

(a) SERVICE CONDITIONS.—Section 309 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 309) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(m) SERVICE CONDITIONS ON NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLIC BROADCAST STATIONS.—

(1) In general.—A nonprofit educational organization shall be eligible to hold a noncommercial educational radio or television license if the station is used primarily to broadcast material that the organization determines serves an educational, instructural, cultural, or educational religious purpose (or any combination of such purposes) in the station's community of license, unless that determination is arbitrary or unreasonable.

(2) Additional content-based requirements prohibited.—The Commission shall not—

(A) impose or enforce any quantitative requirement on noncommercial educational radio or television licenses based on the number of hours of programming that serve educational, instructional, cultural, or religious purposes; or

(B) impose or enforce any other requirement on the programming that the organization broadcasts by a licensee, permittee, or applicant for a noncommercial educational radio or television license that is not imposed and enforced on a licensee, permittee, or applicant for a commercial radio or television license, respectively.

(3) Rules of construction.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as affecting—

(A) any obligation of noncommercial educational television broadcast stations under the Children's Television Act of 1990 (47 U.S.C. 303a, 303b); or

(B) the requirements of section 396, 399, or 399A, and 399B of this Act.

(b) ADDITIONAL CONTENT-BASED REQUIREMENTS PROHIBITED.—The Commission shall not—

(A) impose or enforce any quantitative requirement on noncommercial educational radio or television licenses based on the number of hours of programming that serve educational, instructional, cultural, or religious purposes; or

(B) impose or enforce any other requirement on the programming that the organization broadcasts by a licensee, permittee, or applicant for a noncommercial educational radio or television license that is not imposed and enforced on a licensee, permittee, or applicant for a commercial radio or television license, respectively.

(3) Rules of construction.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as affecting—

(A) any obligation of noncommercial educational television broadcast stations under the Children's Television Act of 1990 (47 U.S.C. 303a, 303b); or

(B) the requirements of section 396, 399, or 399B of this Act.

(c) AUDIT OF COMPLIANCE WITH DONOR PRIVACY PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS.—Section 1319 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 3319) is amended by adding at the end the following:

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting before the second period the words "the donor agreement with the nonprofit educational entity with the requirements of subsection (k)(2); and

(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Consistent with the requirements of section 3 of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall amend sections 73.1938 through 73.1944 of its rules (47 C.F.R. 73.1930-73.1944) to provide that those sections do not apply to noncommercial educational broadcast stations.

SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.

(a) LIMITATION.—After the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall not establish, expand, or otherwise modify requirements relating to the service obligations of noncommercial educational radio or television stations except by means of agency rulemaking conducted in accordance with chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, and other applicable law (including the amendments made by section 2).

(b) RULEMAKING DEADLINE.—The Federal Communications Commission shall prescribe such revisions to its regulations as may be necessary to comply with the amendment made by section 2 within 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

H.R. 4516

OFFERED BY: Mr. Andrews

AMENDMENT No. 5: Page 40, insert after line 19 the following:

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 211. The Comptroller General shall conduct a study of the project proposed to be carried out by the Secretary of the Army to dredge the Delaware River to bring the depth of its shipping channel to 45 feet, and shall include in the study an analysis of the following issues:

(1) Whether the benefit to the nation of carrying out this project is outweighed by its costs.

(2) The extent to which the project is in compliance with the applicable requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, including whether the sponsors of the project addressed the following issues in preparing the environmental impact statement associated with this project:

(A) The environmental impact of the disposal site for materials dredged during the course of the project.

(B) The impact of any dredging of private oil refinery berths which may be associated with the project.

(C) The impact of the project on essential fish and oyster habitats.

(D) Whether the averages of the levels of toxins in samples taken from the sediment of the River failed to reveal areas where toxins are highly concentrated.

(E) The threats to drinking water supplies and water quality.

(3) The environmental and economic impact of placing 23,000,000 cubic yards of dredged materials on the riverfront of communities near the project.

(4) The failure of the Secretary of the Army to obtain a meaningful number of commitments from private entities to carry out similar dredging of their privately owned ports.

H.R. 4635

OFFERED BY: Mr. Baker

AMENDMENT No. 32: Page 14, line 13, insert after the dollar amount the following: "(increased by $30,000,000)".

Page 20, line 13, insert after the dollar amount the following: "(reduced by $30,000,000)".
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H.R. 4635
OFFERED BY: MR. CUMMINGS

AMENDMENT No. 33: Page 73, line 3, after the dollar amount insert the following: “(reduced by $2,800,000)”.
Page 73, line 18, after the dollar amount insert the following: “(increased by $2,800,000)”.

H.R. 4635
OFFERED BY: MR. GREEN OF TEXAS

AMENDMENT No. 34: Page 90, after line 16, insert the following new section:
Sec. 426. None of the funds provided under this Act for the Environmental Protection Agency to issue, implement, or enforce any regulatory program (including reporting requirements) applicable to pipeline facilities for the transportation of hazardous liquids subject to regulations issued by the Office of Pipeline Safety, Research, and Special Programs Administration of the Department of Transportation under part 191 of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, with respect to the matters regulated under that part.

H.R. 4635
OFFERED BY: MR. HINCHLEY

AMENDMENT No. 35: Page 90, after line 16, insert:
Sec. 426. Any limitation in this Act on funds made available in this Act for the Environmental Protection Agency shall not apply to:
(1) the use of dredging or other invasive sediment remediation technologies;
(2) enforcing drinking water standards for arsenic; or
(3) promulgation of a drinking water standard for radon where such activities are authorized by law.

H.R. 4635
OFFERED BY: MRS. MERK OF FLORIDA

AMENDMENT No. 36: Page 30, after line 14, insert the following new items:

URBAN EMPOWERMENT ZONES

For grants in connection with a second round of the empowerment zones program in urban areas, designated by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development in fiscal year 1999 pursuant to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, for use in conjunction with economic development activities consistent with the strategic plan of each empowerment zone, to remain available until expended.

RURAL EMPOWERMENT ZONES

For grants for the rural empowerment zone and enterprise community programs as designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, $15,000,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture for grants for designated empowerment zones in rural areas and for grants for designated rural enterprise communities, to remain available until expended.

H.R. 4635
OFFERED BY: MRS. MERK OF FLORIDA

AMENDMENT No. 37: Page 30, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert the following:

STATE OF NASA AERONAUTICS FUNDING.—The
$350,000,000, to remain available until expended. Provided, That of the amount provided by this paragraph, $66,000,000 shall be available for use in a housing production program in connection with the low-income housing tax credit program to assist very low-income and extremely low-income families.
Page 25, line 1, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by $200,000,000)”.
Page 25, line 19, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by $127,000,000)”.
Page 27, line 23, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by $30,000,000)”.
Page 29, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by $3,000,000)”.
Page 30, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by $9,000,000)”.
Page 33, line 16, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by $251,000,000)”.
Page 33, line 17, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by $5,000,000)”.
Page 36, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by $80,000,000)”.
Page 37, after line 5, insert the following new item:

AMERICA’S PRIVATE INVESTMENT COMPANIES PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of guaranteed loans under the America’s Private Investment Companies Program, $37,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2003, of which not to exceed $15,000,000 shall be for administrative expenses to carry out such a loan program, to be transferred to and merged with the appropriation under this title for “Salaries and Expenses”; Provided, That such costs, including the cost of modifying loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974: Provided further, That these funds are available to subsidize total loan principal, any part of which is guaranteed.

H.R. 4635
OFFERED BY: MR. MOLLLOHAN

AMENDMENT No. 39: Page 73, line 18, insert after the dollar amount the following: “(increased by $322,700,000)”.

H.R. 4635
OFFERED BY: MR. NEY

AMENDMENT No. 40: Under the heading “MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH” of title I, page 9, line 8, insert “(increased by $5,000,000)” after “$23,000,000”.
Under the heading “ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT” of title III, page 59, line 6, insert “(reduced by $5,000,000)” after “$9,000,000,000”.

H.R. 4635
OFFERED BY: MR. SCOTT

AMENDMENT No. 41: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:
Sec. 6. REPORTING THE STATE OF NASA AERONAUTICS FUNDING.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) The past efforts of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in aeronautics research have yielded significant technological breakthroughs that have improved aircraft safety and efficiency, including wing design, noise abatement, structural integrity and fuel efficiency.
(2) Every aircraft worldwide uses National Aeronautics and Space Administration technology.
(3) Past investments in aeronautics research have contributed significantly to the Nation’s economy.
(4) The aerospace industry, made up primarily of aeronautics products, is the number one net positive contributor to the Nation’s international balance of trade.
(5) Over the past decade there has been a dramatic decline in funding for aeronautics research.
(6) Funding for aeronautics research makes up less than five percent of the budget of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
(7) In the last two years alone, the aeronautics component of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration budget has been reduced by 30 percent.
(8) A 1997 report by the National Research Council entitled “Recent Trends in U.S. Aeronautics Research and Technology” expressed concern that the ongoing reductions in [aeronautics] [research and technology (R&T)], which seem to be motivated primarily by the desire to reduce expenditures in the near term, are taking place without an adequate understanding of the long-term consequences and that the Federal Government “analyze the national security and economic implications of reduced aeronautics R&T funding before the nation discovers that reductions in R&T have inadvertently done severe, long-term damage to its aeronautics interests”.
(9) This Act reduces the already underfunded investment in aeronautics research even further and may impact the long-term safety and convenience of the Nation’s air transportation system.
(b) SENSE OF THE HOUSE.—It is the sense of the House of Representatives that legislation enacted into law for funding the Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development and independent agencies for fiscal year 2001 should not result in funding for National Aeronautics and Space Administration aeronautical research programs which is less than the level in the President’s requested fiscal year 2001 budget.

H.R. 4635
OFFERED BY: MR. SMITH OF MICHIGAN

AMENDMENT No. 42: Page 30, line 20, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(reduced by $20,000,000)”.
Page 30, line 21, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(reduced by $20,000,000)”.
Page 77, line 1, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by $20,000,000)”.

H.R. 4635
OFFERED BY: MR. SMITH OF MICHIGAN

AMENDMENT No. 43: Page 56, line 13, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(reduced by $10,000,000)”.
Page 77, line 1, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by $10,000,000)”.