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Joint Committee on Fire, Police, Emergency and Disaster Services

SENATOR WILLIAM CAMPBELL
CHAIRMAN

March 7, 1983

Assemblyman Joe Hayes
Speaker of the House
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Speaker Hayes:

As Minority Leader of the California State Senate, I have developed an increasing interest in the field of emergency preparedness and response. The effectiveness of state and local public safety agencies in responding to emergency incidents depends in large part upon their communication capabilities. A reliable, comprehensive system is of paramount importance to ensure a coordinated emergency response. Unfortunately, in many areas of our nation emergency communication systems are unable to meet expanding needs. Many areas must cope with fragmented, costly, inefficient systems that are unsuitable for modern emergency response efforts.

To address this problem, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission to allocate additional radio frequencies for public safety land mobile use. This Petition, RM 3975 (please see attachment A), requests that the FCC set aside a contiguous band of radio frequencies, preferably UHF TV Channels 14-20, for land mobile services with two channels dedicated solely for public safety use. Such an allocation would accommodate the increase in public safety radio traffic and, also,

would enhance their operational capability for inter-agency co-operation over multi-jurisdictional boundaries.

This Petition was submitted on behalf of all public safety agencies. It has received the support of 18 national and state professional organizations, as well as, public safety agencies in 28 states (please see attachment B). RM 3975 has also received the support of approximately 100 federal elected representatives and over 300 emergency service professionals. However, to date the FCC has not acted on this Petition.

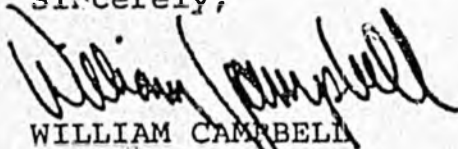
As Chairman of the Joint Committee on Fire, Police, Emergency and Disaster Services, I introduced a measure, Senate Joint Resolution 60, to have the California State Legislature memorialize the Federal Communications Commission to support Petition RM 3975. This measure was successfully passed by both the Senate and the Assembly. Additionally, my Joint Committee conducted public hearings on the issue of emergency communications in order to obtain as comprehensive of a review of this topic as possible.

Since the FCC had disregarded the Sheriff's Petition and is in the process of assigning all remaining radio frequencies, I would like to ask the support of you and your colleagues to join the California State Legislature in support of Petition RM 3975. I have enclosed a copy of SJR 60 for your information. I encourage you to meet with public safety officials in your state who may be familiar with the Petition submitted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to discuss this issue. Further, based on your state's needs, I hope that you would consider passing a similar resolution to be forwarded to the FCC and your congressional delegation.

Additionally, if your legislature does not already have one, I would like you to consider the possibility of establishing a research committee similar to the Joint Committee on Fire, Police, Emergency and Disaster Services. We have found this committee to be of considerable value in bringing to the forefront those issues of vital importance to our public safety policy decision-making process. I have also enclosed for your review a copy of the Resolution creating the Joint Committee in the California State Legislature.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM CAMPBELL
Chairman

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Attachments/Enclosures

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
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March 31, 1983

The Honorable Joe Hayes
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
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Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Hayes:

I have researched petition RM 3975 Radio Frequencies as requested. In fact, the Department of Public Safety had previously responded in support of RM 3975.

Here in Alaska we also have similar problems, although not as great as the problems in the larger urban areas. The Troopers transmit on eight basic frequencies. Four are simplex channels and four have repeater capabilities.

We share 151.25 with many City Police Departments and Emergency Services personnel. This has virtually eliminated our use of this frequency. We lack a control and command frequency and during emergencies all units not involved must transfer to a simplex channel. This hinders or eliminates communication with many mobile units due to distance between the base station and mobile units (VHF is line of sight communication).

In a disaster, we must bring portable radios from City Police Departments, Fire Departments, National Guard and other Military Units, into our command center. It becomes very confusing attempting to coordinate all these units activities.

Aircraft to mobile communication, during Search and Rescue and on special operations, create problems by tying up primary frequencies. Finally, it is difficult to conduct training exercises due to the lack of a free frequency.

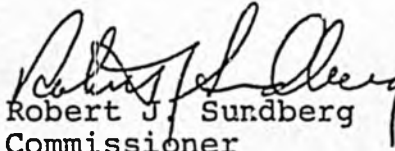
The Honorable
Joe Hayes

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March 31, 1983

I would urge the House of Representatives to support RM 3975 for the benefit of all public safety agencies within the United States. It is important to obtain a favorable ruling from the F.C.C. or these frequencies will be assigned to other users.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Sundberg
Commissioner

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San Jose (CA) Fire Dept.
Hinds Co. (MI) Sheriff's Dept.
Heflin (AL) Police Dept.
Laconia (NH) P.D.
Baltimore (MD) P.D.
Columbus (OH) P.D.
Alaska Department of Public Safety
W/H. Berlin, Polk Co. Sheriff
R.G. Gillepie, Fulton P.D.
B. Baldwin, Hinds Co. Sheriff
M.R. Ratkowski, Greendale P.D.
L.E. Henline, Wyoming P.D.
J.C. Hartmann, Brant Beach P.D.
H.M. Morris, New Orleans P.D.
D. Hornbaker, Kansas H.P.
J.S. Cox, Leawood P.D.

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Bruce F. Vento
Robin L. Beard

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Jim Dunn
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John Tower
James A. McClure
George J. Mitchell

Ed Jones

Sam B. Hall, Jr.
W.L. Armstrong

J. Wortham., Maricopa Co.
B.G. Cheney, Laconia P.D.
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J.M. Fox, Morris Co. Sheriff's Office
F.J. Battaglia, Baltimore P.D.
H.D. Silverman, Charleston P.D.
W.C. Heinrich, Hillsborough Co.
R.A. Butterworth, Broward Co.
R.P. Wille, Palm Beach Co.
J.J. Wafford, Kissimee P.D.
S.F. Lynn, St. Petersburg P.D.
E.R. Miller, Miami Beach
L.F. Callahan, Fort Lauderdale P.D.
Fred Hayes, Romeoville P.D.
J.F. Mossey, Crystal P.D.
H.D. Silverman, Charleston P.D.
Bob Graham, Florida's Governor

C.E. Camp, Northglenn P.D.

G. Roberts, Commissioner, Tennessee
Dept. of Public Safety
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J.A. Hildebrand, Pontiac P.D.
E.J. Sieminski, Penn. State Rep.
for A.R. Shaw, Jr., Hellertown
Borough P.D.

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G.W. Peterson, Moscow P.D.
T.J. Lander, Maine Chiefs of
Police Assoc.

G. Roberts, Comm. of Tennessee
Dept of Public Safety
W.P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas
C.E. Camp, Northglenn P.D.

*** second inquiry

REPLY COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO RM-3975

Association of Maximum Service Telecasters.

- * Letter to Chairman Fowler
- ** Letter to President Reagan

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for Laurence R. Marshall, Oceanside
P.D.
for G.W. Boyd, Coronado P.D.
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Chiefs of Police
for Sheriff of Tulare County
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for Roger M. Moulton, Montclair P. D.
for Jon D. Schorle, San Francisco
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for Fremont P.D.
for R.S. Swenor, Ruidoso P.D.
for Emmett R. Miller, Miami Beach
P.D.
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(AZ) P.D.
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Director for Brown Deer
for R.S. Swenor, Ruidoso P.D.
for Craig E. Camp, Northglenn (CO)
P.D.
for York; Goose Creek;
Greenville; Folly Beach
for Sidney R. Mathews, Athens P.D.
for Emmett R. Miller, Miami
Beach P.D.
for California Emergency Council
(Resolution)
for Doyme Bailey, Travis Co. Sheriff

Ottawa County (MI) Sheriff's Department
Socorro County (NM) Sheriff
County of Riverside (CA) Fire Chiefs (Resolution)
Orange County (CA) Fire Chiefs' Association (Resolution)
Mesquite Public Safety Communications Division
San Bernardino Co. (CA) Law Enforcement Administrative
Officers' Assoc.
Lewisburg Borough (PA) Council (Resolution)

Other

National Association of Business and Educational Radio, Inc.
Robert E. Browning

COMMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION RM-3975

Association of Maximum Service Telecasters
National Association of Public Television Stations
National Association of Broadcasters
California State University and Colleges for San
Diego State University

--REPLY COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF RM-3975

Los Angeles County Chiefs of Police Association (Resolution)
Los Angeles (CA) Communications Division
Los Angeles Police Department
California Peace Officers' Association
Peace Officers Association of Los Angeles County
Adelanto (CA) Police Department
Marysville (CA) Police Department
Coronado (CA) Police Department
Gilroy (CA) Police Department
Walnut Creek (CA) Police Department
Sheriff-Coroner of Sutter County (CA)
Missouri Chapter of the Associated Public-Safety
Communications Officers, Inc.
City of Coronado (CA) Police Department
City of Marysville Chief of Police *
Calipatria (CA) Police Department
Redlands (CA) Police Department
Montclair (CA) Police Department
Livermore (CA) Police Department
South Lake Tahoe (CA) Chief of Police *
Tulare County (CA) Sheriff's Department
Chula Vista, California, Department of Public Safety
Glendale (CA) Police Department
Pinole (CA) Police Department
Turlock (CA) Police Department
Woodland (CA) Police Department

Martinez (CA) Police Department
Long Beach (CA) Police Department
Firebaugh (CA) Police and Fire Department
Mountain View (CA) Police Department
San Jose (CA) Police Department
Escondido (CA) Police Department
Sonoma County (CA) Sheriff's Department
St. Helena (CA) Police Department
Fremont (CA) Police Department
Newport Beach (CA) Police Department
Sacramento (CA) Police Department
Contra Costa County (CA) Police Chiefs Association
South Bay (CA) Regional Public Communications Authority
L.A. County District Attorney's Office
County of Orange (CA)
Culver City (CA) Police Department
Ventura County (CA) Sheriff's Department
San Joaquin County (CA) Sheriff's Department
Clayton (CA) Police Department
Department of Justice (CA)
Concord (CA) Police Department
City of Simi Valley (CA) Police Department *
Baldwin Park (CA) Chief of Police *
Sanger Police Department
Carpinteria (CA) City Council (Resolution)
Buena Park (CA) Police Department
Hercules (CA) Department of Public Safety Services
San Francisco State University Department of Public Safety
Orange County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association
Orange (CA) Police Department
Pleasant Hill Police Department
International Association of Fire Chiefs, Inc. (IAFC)
San Jose (CA) Fire Department
Campbell (CA) Police Department
California Fire Chiefs Association
Daniel E. Boatwright, California State Senator
Sacramento County (CA) Sheriff's Department
San Buenaventura (Ventura) (CA) Police and Fire Departments
San Buenaventura ("Ventura", CA) Police and Fire Departments
Culver City (CA) Council resolution **
Lawrence (IA) Police Department
Milwaukee (WI) Department of Police
Columbus City Council (Resolution)
Moscow (ID) P.D. (transmitted by the Governor's office)
Nassau Co (NY) P.D. *
Florida Governor's Office *

New York State Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc.
Sheriff, Jefferson County (AL)
Ponca City (OK) Chief of Police
Long Beach (NJ) Police Department
City of Seward (AK) Chief of Police
Rittman (OH) Police Department
Hamilton (OH) Director of Public Safety
Mound (MN) Police Department
Luzerne County (PA) Police Emergency Radio Network
Douglas (AZ) Police Department
Columbus (OH) Division of Communications
Paris (TN) Police Department
North Kansas City (MO) Police Department
Hagerstown (MD) Department of Police
Carlsbad (NM) Police Department
Sterling Heights (MI) Police Department
Trumbull County (OH) Sheriff's Department
Cleveland (OH) State University Police Department
Barry County (MI) Sheriff's Department
Mono County (CA) Sheriff-Coroner
Marlborough (NY) Police Department
Cheektowaga (NY) Police Department
Glendora (CA) Police Department
Massillon (OH) Police Department
Clute (TX) Police Department
Bloomfield (CT) Chief of Police
West Bloomfield (MI) Police Department
Lapeer County (MI) Sheriff's Office
Oklahoma City (OK) Police Department
Boise Police Department and Ada County Sheriff's Department (ID)
Anchorage (AK) Police Department
Richardson (TX) Department of Police
Grandview Heights (OH) Division of Police
Chautauqua County (NY) Sheriff's Department
Clay County (MO) Sheriff
Greene County (MO) Sheriff
Sapulpa (OK) Police Department
Howard County (MD) Department of Police
Beaumont (TX) Police Department
Appleton (MN) Police Department
San Angelo (TX) Police Department
St. Louis County (MO) Police Department
Oregon State Police
Ypsilanti (MI) Police Department
Carmel (CA) Chief of Police
Cuyahoga Falls (OH) Police Department
Blue Mountain (PA) Control Centre
Egg Harbor (NJ) Communications Department
Woodway (TX) Public Safety Department
St. Mary's County (MD) Sheriff
Milwaukie (OR) Police Department
Dallas (OR) Chief of Police
Huntington (WV) Police Department
Tuscola County (MI) Sheriff's Department

Jackson County Sheriff's Department
Portsmouth (NH) Police Department
Summit County (OH) Sheriff
Wallingford (CT) Department of Police Service
Bridgewater (NJ) Police Department
Mohave County (AZ) Office of the Sheriff
Newark (OH) Department of Public Safety
Bay Village (OH) Division of Police
Lubbock (TX) Police Department
Glastonbury (CT) Chief of Police
County of Riverside
New Jersey State Police
Downriver Mutual Aid Task Force
New York City Police Department
New York State Police
Inver Grove Heights (MN) Police Department
Siskiyou County (CA) Sheriff's Office
Connecticut State Police
Palo Alto (CA) Police Department
Preston County (WV) Communications Center
Chagrin Falls Police Department
Celina (OH) Police Department
Ogdensburg (NY) Police Department
Oakland (CA) Police Department
Town of Greece (NY) Police Department
Stow (OH) Department of Police
Perry Township Police Department
Mansfield (OH) Division of Police
Salt Lake City (UT) Police Department
Norman (OK) Police Department
Oakridge (OR) Police Department
Royal Oak (MI) Superintendent of Communications
Bedford Town (NY) Police Department
Nassau County (NY) Police Department
Department of California Highway Patrol
Nitro (WV) Police Department
Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
Youngstown (OH) Police Department
Southfield (MI) Chief of Police
Prince George's County (MD) Chief of Police
Rolla (MO) Department of Police
Baltimore County (MD) Police Department
Michigan Public Safety Frequency Advisory Committee (APCO)
Northern California Chapter of APCO
City Council of the City of Chula Vista (CA) (Resolution)
Los Angeles (CA) Communications Division
Department of Justice, State of California
San Francisco (CA) Police Department
San Jose (CA) Police Department
City of Hayward (CA) Police Department
State of Alaska's Department of Public Safety
Brooklyn Center (MI) Police Department
California Public-Safety Radio Association
Ottawa County (MI) Sheriff's Department

A P P E N D I X

COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PETITION RM-3975

Sales and Service Businesses

Seattle Pacific Communications, Inc. (Kirkland, WA)
Dennis Two-Way Radio, Inc. (Abilene, TX)
American Communications, Inc. (Fort Worth, TX)
Scorpio Communications (Fort Worth, TX)
TEAM Electronics (Grand Forks, ND)
Licciardi Radio Communications, Inc. (Rochester, NY)
Rassbach Communications Service, Inc. (Eau Claire, WI)
Leflore Communications, Inc. (Greenwood, MS)
WLAK Electronics Service, Inc. (Lakeland, FL)
Hill Radio (Bloomington, IL)
Johnson Communications Corporation (Winter Park, FL)
Wentz Electronics (Snoqualmie, WA)
Warner Communications Corp. (St. Louis, MO)
Southwest Communications Service (Oklahoma City, OK)
Marshall Communications (Whiteland, IN)
Communications Engineering, Inc. (Las Vegas, NV)
Warner Communications Co., Inc. (Upper Montclair, NJ)
Cook Communications Co. (Mt. Pleasant, MI)
Northwest Marine Center (Portland, OR)
Yuma Electronics, Inc. (Yuma, CO)

Local Government & Public Safety Organizations

California Police Chief's Association
Associated Public-Safety Communications Officers, Inc. (APCO)
Sacramento, California Department of Police
El Cajon, California City Council
West Valley City Police Department
State of Minnesota
Florida Division of Communications
Grants New Mexico Police Department
Farmington (NM) Police Department
Tuscarawas County (OH) Sheriff
Hillside (NJ) Department of Police
Culver City (CA) Fire Department
City of Pearland (TX)
City of Oceanside (CA)
American Public Works Association
Nassau County (NY) Sheriff's Department
Mesa (AZ) Police Department
Geauga County (OH) Sheriff's Department
Birmingham (MI) Police Department
Montana Highway Patrol
Beverly Hills (CA) Fire Department

Kalamazoo (MI) Chief of Police
Maplewood (MN) Police Department
Anoka (MN) Police Department
Georgia Bureau of Investigation
Sacramento County (CA) Fire Chiefs Association
St. Lawrence County (NY) Sheriff's Office
Eagan (MN) Police Department
Nebraska State Patrol
Kittson County (MN) Sheriff Department
Phoenix (AZ) Police Chief
Painesville (OH) Division of Police
Mineral County (NV) Sheriff
Oakland County (MI) Sheriff's Department
Rowlett (TX) Police Department
Provo (UT) Chief of Police
Jefferson County (TX) Sheriff's Office
San Bernardino (CA) Communications Department
University of Arizona Police Department
Town of Barrington (RI) Police Department
Township of Old Bridge (NJ) Police Department
Xenia (OH) Division of Police
Ingham County (MI) Sheriff
Buckeye State (OH) Sheriffs' Association
Montgomery County (Ga) Sheriff's Office
Ohio Chapter of APCO
Deschutes County (OR) Sheriff
Douglas County Sheriff's Office
Town of Windsor (CT) Chief of Police
City of Bartlesville (OK) Police Department
City of Azusa (CA) Police Department
Cottage Grove (MN) Police Department
Brigham City (UT) Police Department
Lorain County (OH) Sheriff
Addison (TX) Chief of Police
Orange County (TX) Sheriff's Department
San Joaquin County (CA) Sheriff-Coroner's Office
Brookfield (OH) Police Department
Tonawanda (NY) Chief of Police
Garden City, Wayne, Westland and Inkster (MI) Police Departments
Storey County (NV) Sheriff
Bend (OR) Police Department
Lake Havasu City (AZ) Police Department
Georgia Department of Human Resources
City of Troutdale (OR) Chief of Police
Beverly Hills (CA) Department of Police
Sherburne County (MN) Sheriff
Michigan State Office of Criminal Justice
Lake Oswego (OR) Police Department
International Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc. (IACP)
Henry County (MO) Sheriff
Pima County (AZ) Department of Communications
Woodbury (MN) Police Department
Corvallis (OR) Police Department
Sheriff of Benton County (OR)

that the area between 25 and 470 MHz was generally considered best for the mobile environment, Land Mobile held only 40 MHz of spectrum or about 4.2% of the 975 MHz amenable to mobile operations.

1.5. The result of these practices was to fragment Police and Fire operations over three bands (LO-VHF, HI-VHF & UHF). In actual practice these three bands, due to equipment limitations, were divided into five operational bands (33 to 41 MHz, 42 to 50 MHz, 153 to 158 MHz, 166 to 170 MHz and 453 to 458 MHz). With the recent additions of the 470 to 512 MHz and 800 MHz bands, these organizations now operate on seven to eight different bands (equipment band width limitations) with little capability of coordinating tactical operations.

1.6. It does little good to say that agencies could coordinate by mutual agreements and crossbanding with scanners or additional radio equipment. The simple fact is that the issue has become too complex in most areas for this to be effective. Proper Command and Control techniques mandate a more uniform approach.

1.7. While Public Safety communications spectrum has become fragmented, there has been a steady increase in demands for service by the public. This has resulted in higher utilization rates for Public Safety systems with the result of congestion on most radio channels. This is painfully true in such metropolitan areas as Los Angeles, New York and Chicago. With rising crime

rates and the availability of tactical data bases for inquiry, channel utilization on police frequencies has increased to the point where 20 to 25 radio field units in a moderately busy area can fully load a radio channel. This assumes that a normal waiting time for a police frequency at average peak periods is approximately five seconds.

1.8. Conditions of frequency congestion on many police frequencies are such that normal Command and Control activities cannot be maintained during busy periods. Emergent operations such as pursuits or other life urgent activities consume available air time to the detriment of other less urgent traffic. In many areas, operational and financial restraints necessarily require that certain types of services, though potentially hazardous to officers or the public, must be relegated to low priority and handled off the air or not at all. This issue was documented by federal task forces almost a decade ago and it continued to be aggravated without relief from the FCC.

1.9. Another item identified by these task forces was the almost universal inability of Public Safety communications centers to cope with major disasters or disturbances. The Mount Saint Helens Volcano disaster most graphically demonstrated this issue. The lack of coordinating frequencies, common equipment and the size of the area all combined to make communications extremely difficult and slow.

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20554

In the Matter of)
Amendment of Part 90 and Part 73)
of the Commissions Rules and)
Regulation to Allocate Additional)
Channels in the 470 MHz to)
512 MHz Band for Public Safety)
and other Land Mobile operations.)

Petition of the Sheriff of Los Angeles County

1.1. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, in compliance with Section 1.401 of the Commission's Rules, hereby petitions the Commission to change the Rules under Part 90 and Part 73 to provide additional allocated frequencies to the Land Mobile Service for Public Safety Agencies from that part of the spectrum located within the UHF-TV Band between 470 MHz to 512 MHz (Channels 14 through 20) as set forth in this document.

1.2. More specifically, the Sheriff's Department proposes that the commission provide that all of the channels within this Band be provided for Land Mobile services with block allocations for each service. Block allocation for Public Safety emergency operations should be provided with sufficient quantities of frequencies as to provide for growth needs through the next two decades. To achieve this, we suggest that two contiguous UHF-TV Channels within this spectrum be specifically allocated to Public Safety in the major metropolitan areas such as Los Angeles, Chicago and New York. Further, we suggest that a block of

contiguous frequencies within this Band, proportional to the local population, also be allocated for those less populated urban and rural areas. These Public Safety Channels should be reserved for Police and Fire operations; for as with the military, they have a constant requirement for tactical communication and coordination.

1.3. Since 1949, there has been little change in spectrum allocation for land mobile. The growth of service within this band has been the burden of the users. Improvements in technology has been a continuing process for the Land Mobile community with service continually being compressed within the allocated spectrum; thereby allowing the Commission to largely ignore the increasing needs of this service. Inherent within this process was the "block" allocation which placed similar services together within a specific block.

1.4. While the process of block allocation provided benefits to the various services at that time, it was not to the best advantage of Police or Fire operations as they have been squeezed across the spectrum with the rest of the Land Mobile community. In the spectrum between 25 to 1000 MHz, that area generally considered adequate for land mobile use, there is 975 MHz of spectrum. Approximately 16% (156 MHz) of this was allocated to land mobile. In actuality, when one considers that approximately 115 MHz of the Land Mobile allocation is generally unusable and

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 27

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to the Joint Committee on Fire, Police, Emergency, and Disaster Services.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 15, Campbell. Joint Committee on Fire, Police, Emergency, and Disaster Services.

This measure would create the Joint Committee on Fire, Police, Emergency, and Disaster Services, and provide for the membership, authority, and duties of the committee.

WHEREAS, Fire, police, emergency medical services, and disaster services are generally regarded as the most crucial life-safety services a governmental entity can provide its residents, and while these services are locally controlled and determined, the state government provides, regulates, and coordinates these services, and has an impact on the level and quality of fire, police, emergency medical services, and disaster services; and

WHEREAS, In California, the state has a number of departments, agencies, and offices that assist, influence, and regulate these locally administered services, such as the Department of Forestry, the Department of Justice, the State Fire Marshal's Office, the California Highway Patrol, the Health and Welfare Agency, the Office of Emergency Services, the California Conservation Corps, the California National Guard, the Department of Transportation, and the Community College System, which are but a few of the state's resources which directly affect the level and quality of fire, police, emergency medical services, and disaster services provided by local entities; and

WHEREAS, The demand for fire and police services is rapidly escalating, and professionals in these fields must interact with each other to provide disaster services, and they must be well-trained, well-equipped, and capable of cooperating in adverse situations in order to protect and assist the public; and

WHEREAS, Fire, police, and emergency services must respond to the needs of individuals and property threatened by natural or manmade occurrences, such as fire, flooding, drought, wind, war, or accident; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for greater analysis and depth of understanding of the need for disaster services involving fire, police, and other agencies in response to a natural or manmade calamity, including an objective analysis of the inherent problems of providing disaster services, and the degree to which life-safety services are

interrelated and supported; and

WHEREAS, There is a need for a coordinated effort in addressing these issues and there has never been an identified agency to which the life-safety professionals could go to explain their problems, concerns, and needs in providing disaster services; and

WHEREAS, A broad approach to the problem of providing these services is needed, which would involve a more realistic, uniform, all-encompassing approach to the disaster problem, considering the groups and the points they share in common; now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Joint Committee on Fire, Police, Emergency, and Disaster Services is hereby created, and authorized and directed to ascertain, study, and analyze facts relating to fire, police, emergency medical services, and disaster services, including the following:

1. Identify the extent of available disaster services, considering such factors as cost, personnel, and training.
2. Identify the need for disaster services.
3. Identify the local capabilities to provide disaster services, such as the level and quality variations among various entities.
4. Identify the state's impact on these services.
5. Identify problems encountered in providing these services, such as personnel, states-of-the-art, funding, regulations, and coordination.
6. Provide a forum for discussion of these services, and encourage the professionals, labor, management, and scholars to express their views and opinions.
7. Increase public awareness of life-safety and disaster services, and approach these services on their common, complementary aspects.
8. Recommend how state resources, such as fiscal, legislative, and technical, can be most effectively applied to enhance the life-safety and well-being of California's residents.
9. Recommend how these services should be funded; and be it further

Resolved, That the committee shall consist of five Members of the Senate appointed by the Committee on Rules thereof, and five Members of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker thereof; and be it further

Resolved, That the committee and its members shall have and exercise all of the rights, duties, and powers conferred upon investigating committees and their members by the provisions of the Joint Rules of the Senate and Assembly as they are adopted and amended from time to time, which provisions are incorporated herein and made applicable to this committee and its members; and be it further

Resolved, That the committee has the following additional powers and duties:

1. To cooperate with and secure the cooperation of the federal government, the state, and any county, city, city and county, and other local fire, law enforcement, emergency medical service agency, and disaster service agency in investigating any matter within the scope of this resolution.

2. To do any and all other things necessary or convenient to enable it fully and adequately to exercise its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objects and purposes of this resolution; and be it further

Resolved, That the committee shall terminate on November 30, 1982.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 60

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 152

Senate Joint Resolution No. 60—Relative to radio telecommunications.

[Filed with Secretary of State August 30, 1982.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 60, Campbell. Radio telecommunications.

This measure would memorialize the Federal Communications Commission to allocate additional radio spectrum frequencies to Land Mobile Service for Public Safety Agencies in major metropolitan and urban areas of the United States pursuant to the principles set forth in a petition submitted to the Federal Communications Commission by the Los Angeles County Sheriff.

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission in compliance with S.1.401 of the Commission's rules, to provide, in sufficient quantities, additional allocated frequencies to Land Mobile Service for Public Safety Agencies in the major metropolitan areas like Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, in the petition, further suggested that a block of contiguous frequencies proportionate to the local population also be allocated for those less populated urban and rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Radio telecommunication is the principal medium of command and control communications for those agencies which are charged with the maintenance of the public safety; and

WHEREAS, There are insufficient radio spectrum frequencies allocated in the Land Mobile public service; and

WHEREAS, The California Emergency Council, in cooperation with the California Peace Officers Association, has resolved to support in principle the petition submitted to the Federal Communications Commission by the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, in the interest of all public safety organizations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The California Emergency Council seeks the allocation of additional radio spectrum frequencies as proposed in the petition now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature of the State of California respectfully memorializes the Federal Communications Commission to adopt the principles in the petition submitted by the Sheriff of Los Angeles County; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this

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resolution to the Federal Communications Commission.