

HJR

32

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/21/08

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: _____

State Affairs Committee considered HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

HJR 32 BROADCASTING INDUSTRY

Supporting open and free competition within the broadcasting industry.

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous SCS or CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

SENATE BILL:
 Same Title
 New Title

HOUSE BILL:
 Same Title
 Technical Title Change
 New Title w/ SCR # _____




NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
(H)LCC	2/20/08			✓	

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC.	AMEND
	French			X	
	STRAWN			X	
CHAIR: 	McGuire	✓			

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House Joint Resolution 32

Broadcasting Industry

Supporting open and free competition within the broadcasting industry.

Today we have open and free competition within the broadcasting industry, allowing people with greatly differing political and ideological views to express themselves. In the past, this has not always been the case. The Fairness Doctrine had restricted the radio medium from allowing an open, public forum for over 20 years. After the Federal Communications Commission abolished the doctrine, talk radio emerged as one of the forefront venues for people to express their varying viewpoints.

Even with the obvious benefits of such an open forum, there are some Congressmen and Senators who feel that the restrictions should be put back into place. I ask your support for this resolution, sending a message to Alaska's Senators and Congressman that we support open and free competition within the broadcasting industry.

DISTRICT 16

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KNIK RIVER ROAD • LAZY MOUNTAIN • PALMER • PETERS CREEK

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110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2905

To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating
the fairness doctrine.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2007

Mr. PENCE (for himself, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. BOEINER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. CANTOR, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AKIN, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BONO, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BUYER, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CAMP of Michigan, Mr. CAMPBELL of California, Mr. CANNON, Mr. CARTER, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVERETT, Ms. FALLIN, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. FORTUÑO, Ms. FOXF, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. KELLER of Florida, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KIRK, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. KUTL of New York, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, Mr. MACK, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POE, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. REYNOLDS, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SILADEGG, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. SODER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TERRY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WOLF, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce:

A BILL

To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from
repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

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 "Broadcaster Freedom
5 Act of 2007".

6 **SEC. 2. FAIRNESS DOCTRINE PROHIBITED.**

7 Title III of the Communications Act of 1934 is
8 amended by inserting after section 303 (47 U.S.C. 303)
9 the following new section:

10 **"SEC. 303A. LIMITATION ON GENERAL POWERS: FAIRNESS**
11 **DOCTRINE.**

12 "Notwithstanding section 303 or any other provision
13 of this Act or any other Act authorizing the Commission
14 to prescribe rules, regulations, policies, doctrines, stand-
15 ards, or other requirements, the Commission shall not
16 have the authority to prescribe any rule, regulation, policy,
17 doctrine, standard, or other requirement that has the pur-
18 pose or effect of reinstating or repromulgating (in whole
19 or in part) the requirement that broadcasters present op-
20 posing viewpoints on controversial issues of public impor-
21 tance, commonly referred to as the 'Fairness Doctrine',

- 1 as repealed in General Fairness Doctrine Obligations of
- 2 Broadcast Licensees, 50 Fed. Reg. 35418 (1985)."

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1742

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To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating the fairness doctrine.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 28, 2007

Mr. THUNE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1748

To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating
the fairness doctrine.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2007

Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CORSYN, Mr. BOND, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. KYL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: HJR 32
 (H) Publish Date: 2/21/2008

Identifier (file name): _____ Dept. Affected: _____
 Title Broadcasting Industry RDU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor _____ Reprs Stoltze, Johnson Component Number _____
 Requester _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Division: House Labor & Commerce Committee Date/Time: 2/20/08 12:00 AM
 Approved by: Rep. Kurt Olson, Chair, Labor & Commerce Committee Date: _____