

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 525

To repeal the must-carry provisions of title VI of the Communications Act of 1934, relating to cable television.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 1995

Mr. BAKER of California (for himself, Mr. HOKE, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. PARKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

To repeal the must-carry provisions of title VI of the Communications Act of 1934, relating to cable television.

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. REPEAL.**

4 Sections 614 and 615 of the Communications Act of
5 1934 (47 U.S.C. 534, 535), relating to the carriage obliga-
6 tions of cable systems with respect to commercial and non-
7 commercial local television stations, are repealed.

1 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) RETRANSMISSION CONSENT.—Section 325(b) of
3 the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 325(b)) is
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “except—”
6 and all that follows through the period at the end
7 of such paragraph and inserting the following: “ex-
8 cept with the express authority of the originating
9 station.”;

10 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)—

11 (A) by striking “(3)(A)” and inserting
12 “(3)”; and

13 (B) by striking “and of the right to signal
14 carriage under section 614”;

15 (3) by striking paragraphs (3)(B), (4), and (5);

16 and

17 (4) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-
18 graph (4).

19 (b) RATE REGULATION.—Section 623(b)(7) of such
20 Act (47 U.S.C. 543(b)(7)) is amended—

21 (1) by striking clause (i); and

22 (2) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as
23 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

24 (c) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Section 635 of such Act (47
25 U.S.C. 555) is amended by striking subsection (c).