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H. R. 2384

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to authorize appropriations for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TAUZIN (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

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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 “Corporation for Public
5 Broadcasting Authorization Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR COR-**
7 **PORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING.**

8 Section 396(k)(1) of the Communications Act of
9 1934 (47 U.S.C. 396(k)(1)) is amended by striking sub-

1 paragraph (C) and inserting the following new subpara-
2 graph:

3 “(C) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
5 appropriated to the Fund—

6 “(I) \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 2000;

7 “(II) \$340,000,000 for fiscal year 2001;

8 and

9 “(III) for each of the fiscal years 2002,
10 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006, an amount equal
11 to 40 percent of the total amount of non-Fed-
12 eral financial support received by public broad-
13 casting entities during the fiscal year second
14 preceding each such fiscal year, except that the
15 amount so appropriated shall not exceed
16 \$475,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

17 “(ii) TRANSITION TO DIGITAL BROAD-
18 CASTING.—In addition to the amount under clause
19 (i), there is authorized to be appropriated to the
20 Fund, \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1999, and
21 \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000, 2001,
22 2002, and 2003, for costs associated with the transi-
23 tion of public broadcasting to provide digital broad-
24 casting services, including for the support of digital
25 program production, development, and distribution.

1 “(iii) ALLOCATION OF DIGITAL BROADCASTING
 2 AMOUNTS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (3), any
 3 amounts appropriated pursuant to clause (ii) shall
 4 be distributed by the Corporation, in consultation
 5 with stations and their national representative, as
 6 grants to licensees and permittees of public tele-
 7 vision and radio broadcast stations or the public
 8 broadcasting entities they designate, or both, only
 9 for the purposes under clause (ii).”.

10 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC**
 11 **TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES PRO-**
 12 **GRAM GRANTS.**

13 The first sentence of section 391 of the Communica-
 14 tions Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 391) is amended to read
 15 as follows: “There is authorized to be appropriated
 16 \$35,000,000 for fiscal year 2000, \$110,000,000 for fiscal
 17 year 2001, \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2002,
 18 \$89,000,000 for fiscal year 2003, and such sums as may
 19 be necessary for fiscal year 2004, to be used by the Sec-
 20 retary of Commerce to assist in the planning and con-
 21 struction of public telecommunications facilities, including
 22 analog and digital broadcast facilities, as provided in this
 23 subpart.”.

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