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H. R. 3525

To require the Federal Communications Commission to follow normal rule-making procedures in establishing additional requirements for non-commercial educational television broadcasters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2000

Mr. OXLEY (for himself, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. GILLMOR, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. RILEY, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. METCALF, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. DELAY, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. FOSSELLA, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. LINDER, Mr. HYDE, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. TALENT, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. GORDON, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. WOLF, Mr. DICKY, Mr. HILL of Montana, and Mr. RAMSTAD) 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 “Religious Broadcasting
5 Freedom Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPLIANCE WITH RULEMAKING PROCEDURES RE-**
7 **QUIRED.**

8 (a) LIMITATION.—After the date of enactment of this
9 Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall not
10 establish, expand, or otherwise modify requirements relat-
11 ing to the service obligations of noncommercial educational
12 television stations except by means of agency rulemaking
13 conducted in accordance with chapter 5 of title 5, United
14 States Code, and other applicable law.

15 (b) TERMINATION OF EFFECT OF ADDITIONAL GUID-
16 ANCE.—The additional guidance contained in the Commis-
17 sion’s memorandum opinion and order in WQED Pitts-
18 burg (FCC 99–393), adopted December 15, 1999, and re-
19 leased December 29, 1999, shall not be effective after the
20 date of enactment of this Act except to the extent such
21 guidance is prescribed in accordance with subsection (a).

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