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H. R. 598

To require the Federal Communications Commission to eliminate from its regulations the restrictions on the cross-ownership of broadcasting stations and newspapers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Mr. OXLEY (for himself, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. HALL of Texas) 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. CROSS-OWNERSHIP OF BROADCASTING AND**
4 **NEWSPAPERS.**

5 (a) **RULE CHANGES REQUIRED.**—The Federal Com-
6 munications Commission shall modify section 73.3555 of
7 its regulations (47 C.F.R. 73.3555) by eliminating any
8 provisions limiting the granting or renewal of an AM, FM,
9 or TV broadcast station license to any party (including

1 parties under common control) on the basis of the owner-
2 ship, operation, or control by such party of a daily news-
3 paper.

4 (b) DEADLINE FOR ACTIONS.—The Federal Commu-
5 nications Commission shall complete all actions necessary
6 to complete the modifications required by subsection (a)
7 within 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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