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1ST SESSION

H. R. 400

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prevent the granting of regulatory forbearance by default.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. MARKEY of Massachusetts, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. STUPAK, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, and Mrs. CAPPS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Protecting Consumers
5 through Proper Forbearance Procedures Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF FORBEARANCE PETITION CONSID-**
7 **ERATION.**

8 Section 10(c) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
9 U.S.C. 160(c)) is amended by striking the second and

1 third sentences and inserting the following: “The Commis-
2 sion shall grant or deny any such petition within one year
3 after the Commission receives it, except that the Commis-
4 sion may extend the one-year period for an additional 90
5 days if the Commission finds that the extension is nec-
6 essary to meet the requirements of subsection (a).”.

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