

Mr. KORNEGAY. Before you could get underway with the experiment that was carried out in Hartford some time later, apparently somebody thought it was necessary to have some legislation on the matter.

Mr. HYDE. We would always wish to cooperate with the Congress. We endeavor to maintain a liaison with the committee. The matter was discussed with the chairman at the time, with a view of working in cooperation and that is still our attitude.

We would now welcome congressional guidance.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Going back to 1959, prior to the adoption of the resolution which you referred to on page 5 of your statement, did the Commission request the committee to take action on this resolution?

Mr. HYDE. I do not believe we did.

I think the idea originated with the committee. I think the committee became concerned about the development. A number of bills, I am told, had been introduced regarding the concept of pay TV. I am sure these matters brought it to the attention of the committee.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Was that resolution of March 26, 1959, actually passed by the House?

Mr. HYDE. To the best of my knowledge there has been no resolution by the House.

Mr. KORNEGAY. I thought I would go into this because it was not spelled out in your statement.

Mr. HYDE. We undertook to recite the entire legislative record here. If I omitted anything it was an oversight.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Now you do have for the record copies of the fourth report?

Mr. HYDE. Yes, we do. We will be pleased to supply them for the record of this proceeding. (See p. 15.)

Mr. KORNEGAY. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MACDONALD. Mr. Broyhill.

Mr. BROYHILL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman, it is good to see you here today.

It is true that throughout the years this committee has consistently, as I view the record and my study, held to the position that the Federal Communications Commission did not have the full authority to implement a nationwide STV system.

Would you agree with this conclusion?

Mr. HYDE. I would agree that the committee has tended to take the view that the FCC did not have the authority. This is the force of the resolution that was adopted.

The new resolution only went so far as to consent to an experiment.

Mr. BROYHILL. That is the point I was getting to.

In the past you have abided by the apparent feeling of the chairman of the committee on STV and when the committee in the late 1950's adopted a resolution calling for experiments, the FCC abided by this mandate.

Is that correct?

Mr. HYDE. I feel that we have cooperated fully with the committee, that is right.

Mr. BROYHILL. Like the chairman, I have studied this situation and all the information available to me, in recent weeks. In my mind I question whether the Federal Communications Commission has full authority.