

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. I presume that may have been a factor in the Commission's desire to go slow in the matter of adjudicating the dispute that has arisen over CATV?

Mr. HYDE. There have been arguments that CATV looks toward the pay TV system. There have been arguments against the expansion of it on that ground. But actually the Commission's rulemaking in CATV was to find an accommodation between conventional broadcasting and CATV, taking into consideration the fact that the CATV operators use the product of the broadcasting industry in the main and their distribution of it would sometimes interfere with the market distribution of conventional TV.

What we have actually done is try to reconcile the two or to find accommodation such that free TV would not be impaired but such that the people who would have need for additional signals or improved signals could get them under conditions that would not jeopardize free TV.

I may say it has been a most difficult challenge for us. We are watching with considerable interest the development of copyright law in this field, hoping that it will help in the resolution of the problems that have arisen.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Your mail has been somewhat augmented, has it not, by the dispute over CATV?

Mr. HYDE. It has. Mass communications has a way of generating mail. A dispute or an issue as to a broadcast matter or a CATV matter can become the subject of a lot of correspondence.

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MACDONALD. Mr. Harvey.

Mr. HARVEY. Mr. Chairman, you have been with the FCC for a good many years.

Mr. HYDE. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARVEY. I wonder if you can straighten out some of us on the committee who have not been on the committee such a long time regarding the various resolutions.

In your statement on page 3 you refer to the 1958 House committee resolution.

Was that adopted by the committee first and then by the House?

Mr. HYDE. Only by the committee.

Mr. HARVEY. The gist of that resolution was that it was a sense of Congress resolution against subscription TV?

Mr. HYDE. That is correct.

Mr. HARVEY. Is that right?

Mr. HYDE. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARVEY. In other words, that reflected the sense of the committee?

Mr. HYDE. That is right.

Mr. HARVEY. Now you refer then in your history here to another resolution in 1959 which somewhat amended the earlier resolution.

Mr. HYDE. Yes.

The restrictions of the earlier one were eased so as not to preclude a trial operation.

Mr. HARVEY. Was that a sense of the committee resolution?

Mr. HYDE. Yes.