

Mr. HYDE. I have been informed that in some instances they are carrying local advertising. I do not have exact information as to other programs beyond weather and news. I am sorry, it has come to my attention that in some communities they have presented the city council, that there have been some efforts to put on what in broadcast field is called public interest programming, local civic activities.

Mr. KORNEGAY. In other words, beyond the scope of news and weather?

Mr. HYDE. Yes.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Do you promulgate rules and regulations with reference to that situation?

Mr. HYDE. We have no rules on that.

Mr. KORNEGAY. You have no rules on program originations so far as CATV is concerned?

Mr. HYDE. I believe we have an outstanding notice. You are asking me do we have any present rules?

Mr. KORNEGAY. Right.

Mr. HYDE. I think not.

Mr. BROWN. If I may make a final observation, broadcasting the city council was one of the things claimed as a good reason we should not finance by the taxpayers and approve by the Congress the so-called recent Public Broadcasting Act.

It seems to me that we have a very definite blurring of the lines, perhaps the result of the technical developments, the state of the art, between instructional television, educational television, cable television, subscription television, and whatever that old form of television we used to have was.

Mr. MACDONALD. Mr. Kornegay.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Your rules and regulations you have under consideration in connection with subscription television, Mr. Chairman, I rather run to the licensee and not to the promoter or sponsors of the programs to be seen on STV; is that right?

Mr. HYDE. They would run to the licensee.

Mr. KORNEGAY. He is the only one you have any jurisdiction over?

Mr. HYDE. That is right. This would be similar to the situation with respect to the network regulations. We call them network regulations, but they are directed to stations.

Mr. KORNEGAY. You have no direct authority over the networks?

Mr. HYDE. That is right.

Mr. KORNEGAY. The promoters of STV would be situated with the networks?

Mr. HYDE. I think the Commission would have a considerable amount of power in this respect; that it could preclude a licensee from making contractual arrangements with a supplier that would, for instance, limit the licensee's choice of programs, matters like that.

Mr. KORNEGAY. You do not allow subscription TV under your rules and regulations?

Mr. HYDE. The committee's recommendation would allow it in only those communities where there are as many as five television stations and would permit it on only one station.

Mr. KORNEGAY. That is five stations which have grade A contours.

Mr. HYDE. That is right.

Mr. KORNEGAY. How many different communities in the country would be eligible under that rule?