

There is the gross shortage of business, educational, fire, police, and public safety radio spectrum. There is the question of perfecting Commission rules to more expeditiously finish the business before it.

I will point out that a careful scrutiny of the way the Commission proceeds in most of its matters indicates that once a matter falls before the Commission, absent some extraordinary happening, it can be expected to outlive any of the litigants.

Now, it is also fair to say that the Commission should devote itself to a rigorous attention to the problem of price manipulation of stations and to the trafficking in stations. There is more careful attention needed to devices which will stimulate new advances in programing. It is also necessary that the Commission should devote itself to the achievement, in the public interest, of control, of licensing, and of fair regulation of CATV and CATV charges. CATV is growing like Topsy, with the most minimal attention by the Federal Communications Commission, which has taken inadequate steps to control, regulate, and direct its growth.

I believe that if the Commission is sincere in wanting to increase the amount of programing which is available to the American people, the Commission should be exploring wire alternatives to STV rather than to be engaged in the active use of trying to prostitute or to convert a portion of the broadcast spectrum to toll or pay or subscription TV.

I believe last week the Commission could well have dedicated itself to the very broad authority they have, some of which they cite in connection with their fourth order and report, to advance the science of broadcasting and the better use of the airways.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I want to give a few more thoughts, if I may.

First of all, subscription television raises more questions than it answers. How can we be assured that there will be no siphoning of good programs, of spectaculars, outstanding sports events, programs, and stars and persons of this kind who have achieved great acceptance on commercial television? The Commission in its order and report indicates that they cannot give this kind of guarantee and assurance.

The fourth order and report proposes to prevent sports from being siphoned off by the 2-year limit which was discussed yesterday in this committee by Chairman Hyde. Most of the membership of this committee who listened very attentively recall the difficulties that the Chairman got into with this statement.

The fourth order and report very clearly indicates that the cost, the opportunities, and the advantages of subscription television are such that financial arrangements will be possible to overcome revenue losses and other difficulties that might be anticipated in the waiting period of 2 years. In fact, the so-called waiting period of 2 years is really one season, let us say, of football and baseball, and not 2 years, at all.

These are some of the problems that I believe have not been adequately treated in the report.

In addition to this, Mr. Chairman, in other types of programing the Federal Communications Commission proposes to instruct STV operators as to program content and schedule content. I would point out that this again raises grave questions under the Federal Communi-