

Mr. DINGELL. Before the Federal Communications Commission.

Mr. BROTZMAN. I just wondered where these figures came from because they are somewhat dramatic as to the public demand.

Mr. DINGELL. I believe the Commission could give you precisely the same figures.

Mr. BROTZMAN. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. MACDONALD. Mr. Kornegay.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Dingell, I am sorry I was not here to hear your statement. I had another meeting I had to attend. But I will read it over and study it with care after this meeting. A couple of questions do occur to me based on some of the things you have said since I came into the room.

No. 1, your concern for the radio spectrum, the utilization of that spectrum. As you know I share your concern over the fact that there is some question about whether it is being put to its best possible use and whether or not the Commission is taking the necessary steps to see that these rapidly increasing public services that are demanding more and more space on the spectrum, whether or not that space is being made available for them.

In that connection, though I raise this question. As I understand it, most of these STV stations, if not all of them, will be U's—the ultra-high-frequency stations—

Mr. DINGELL. We have no assurance they will be using UHF or VHF bands. They have established no criterion for that.

Mr. KORNEGAY. I have heard from some source that they would expect to use certainly primarily the UHF as opposed to the VHF. As you and I both know, UHF's have gone begging for years. They were there to be used but for economic reasons as I understand it there just has been no big demand for them.

The V's are more powerful and, of course, are much better and up to the time we provided for all channel sets there was the problem of reception for the public to receive the U's.

I just wondered, pointing that out, if you have given any second thoughts to the business of allocation of spectrum.

Mr. DINGELL. Not really.

Mr. KORNEGAY. These U's are already provided for. The space is there. If additional measures are taken to make them more attractive would it not increase the variety of television to the American public?

Mr. DINGELL. I believe the Hartford test proves first of all that you are not going to have any big rush into the marketplace by investors to engage in subscription television.

But second, with regard to the spectrum problem, I have been trying for years to get the Federal Communications Commission to use some of the unused UHF bands for business, education, and public safety radio.

Now the Commission, I understand, is coming forward with some very, very halfhearted and rather inadequate measures to increase the number of bands by shaving the bands in half that they now make available—at least this is what I understand they contemplate—that they now make available for business, educational, and public safety broadcasting.

First of all, this is going to require changes in equipment which are going to impose additional costs.