

WYOMING

[1967 NEW LAWS, REGULAR SESSION, PAGE 95] CHAPTER 98, LAWS 1967 (HOUSE BILL NO. 5), APPROVED FEBRUARY 16, 1967

An Act relating to the use of telephone equipment and making it unlawful and a misdemeanor to use such equipment for certain purposes, and providing a penalty for violations and providing for an effective date.

Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Wyoming:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person using a fictitious name, name of another or anonymously with intent to terrify, intimidate, threaten, harass, annoy or offend to telephone another and use any obscene, lewd or profane language or suggest any lewd or lascivious act, or threaten to inflict injury or physical harm to the person or property of any person. It shall also be unlawful to attempt to extort money or other thing of value from any person, or to otherwise disturb by repeated anonymous telephone calls the peace, quiet or right of privacy of any person at the place where the telephone call or calls were received.

SEC. 2. Any offense committed by use of a telephone as set forth in this section shall be deemed to have been committed at either the place where the telephone call or calls originated or at the place where the telephone call or calls were received.

SEC. 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 4. This act shall be in force and effect from and after its passage.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Is there anybody else in the hearing room who desires to be heard on the bills that the subcommittee has under consideration?

If nobody else wishes to be heard, do any of the members of the subcommittee have any statements they desire to make at this time?

With that, the subcommittee stands adjourned.

(The following material was submitted for the record:)

STATEMENT OF JAMES R. WILSON, JR., DIRECTOR, NATIONAL SECURITY DIVISION,
THE AMERICAN LEGION

Chairman Macdonald, gentlemen of this important Subcommittee. The American Legion welcomes this opportunity to support S. 375. As an organization comprised exclusively of men and women who fought to preserve this nation in time of war, we are concerned with this legislation which would serve to curb practices alien to our way of life.

In 1965, based on complaints from many sections of the United States, representatives of The American Legion testified in support of Senate bill 2351. We, and others who were repelled by these vile practices, had high hopes this legislation would be swiftly approved. Unfortunately, such was not the case. We appeared again last year before the Senate subcommittee in favor of S. 375.

The testimony I offer today is based on a mandate adopted by our National Convention, Resolution 311, unanimously adopted by delegates representing the more than 2½ million members of The American Legion. The full text of the resolution reads:

"Whereas there has been an outbreak of vicious, outrageous telephone calls harassing and threatening widows and relatives of servicemen killed in Viet Nam; and

"Whereas The American Legion is an organization comprised exclusively of veterans who served during wartime and therefore have a deep understanding of the effect of harassment on the families of servicemen; and

"Whereas The American Legion wholeheartedly supports the American position in Viet Nam to curtail the spread of communism throughout the "Free World;" and