

Like the Bell System, our companies use devices or methods to apprehend the originator of obscene or abusive telephone calls. These techniques do not involve monitoring of conversations but are aimed at the identification of the calling number. Prosecution is the responsibility of law enforcement authorities to whom we provide the details of our investigations.

Complaints of abusive calling are of considerable concern to our companies. This is because our customers view such calling with great alarm. Discouragement of anonymous calling requires prompt and effective action in order that the telephone remain an instrument of great utility and not a tool for anonymous abuse of persons.

You now may be sure that the entire telephone industry, Independent and Bell, encourages the enactment of S. 375 at an early date. If we can be of any assistance to the Committee please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM C. MOTT, *Executive Vice President.*

(Whereupon, at 11:05 a.m., the subcommittee was adjourned.)

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