

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, D.C., July 10, 1967.

Hon. HARLEY O. STAGGERS,
Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to the request for the views of the Bureau of the Budget on H.R. 9665, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to give the Federal Communications Commission authority to prescribe regulations for the manufacture, import, sale, shipment, or use of devices which cause harmful interference to radio reception.

This bill would give the Federal Communications Commission additional authority to deal with radio communications interference problems caused by electrical and electronic devices. Under present law, the Commission may only control interference from such devices after they are installed. H.R. 9665 would give it authority to ensure that equipment capable of causing radio interference is properly designed before it reaches the market.

The Bureau of the Budget recommends enactment of H.R. 9665.

Sincerely yours,

WILFRED H. ROMMEL,
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION,
Washington, D.C., May 26, 1967.

Hon. HARLEY O. STAGGERS,
Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This will acknowledge your recent letter requesting the Commission's comments on H.R. 9665, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to give the Federal Communications Commission authority to prescribe regulations for the manufacture, import, sale, shipment, or use of devices which cause harmful interference to radio reception.

This bill was part of the Commission's legislative program for the 90th Congress, 1st session, and as such was sent to the Bureau of the Budget on March 23, 1967. Enclosed is a copy of the justification the Commission adopted on March 22, 1967 in connection with our proposal. Inasmuch as there are no differences between H.R. 9665 and our proposal, we recommend its adoption. While we have not as yet received advice from the Bureau of the Budget that enactment of our proposal for the 90th Congress will be in accord with the President's program, we anticipate such advice will be received very shortly.

A bill similar to the one introduced by Mr. Dingell was passed by the Senate in the 89th Congress (S. 1015) but due to the pressure of other business, the House Commerce Committee was unable to reach it for consideration before adjournment of that Congress.

We thoroughly support the favorable consideration of this bill by your committee and urge its early enactment. You will note from the attached copy of the Senate Hearings and Senate Report that other government agencies are also interested in this bill and supported enactment of S. 1015, 89th Congress.

Sincerely yours,

ROSEL H. HYDE,
Chairman.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PRESCRIBE REGULATIONS FOR
THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORT, SALE, AND SHIPMENT OF DEVICES WHICH CAUSE
HARMFUL INTERFERENCE TO RADIO RECEPTION

The Federal Communications Commission recommends that Congress enact legislation amending the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, by adding a new section thereto, proposed Section 302. Under this new section the Commission would obtain authority to prescribe regulations for the manufacture, sale, shipment, and import of devices which cause harmful interference to radio communications and thus interfere with radio reception.