

AMENDING THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND POWER,
COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to notice, in room 2361, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Torbert H. Macdonald (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. MACDONALD. The hearing will come to order.

This morning we are holding hearings on H.R. 15986, which would amend the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 so as to postpone from 1968 to 1969 the authorization for the appropriation of \$9 million to support the Corporation for Public Broadcasting until it can be sustained by a permanent plan for financing.

(H.R. 15986 and departmental reports thereon follow :)

[H.R. 15986, 90th Cong., second sess.]

A BILL To amend the Communications Act of 1934 by extending the authorization of appropriations for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 396(k) of the Communications Act of 1934 are each amended by striking out "1968" and inserting in lieu thereof "1969".

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, D.C., March 27, 1968.

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 your request for our views on H.R. 15986, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 by extending the authorization of appropriations for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, introduced March 14, 1968.

H.R. 15986 would change the authorization enacted in the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 from fiscal year 1968 to fiscal year 1969. This is necessary because the Corporation is only now being organized and getting underway.

The Bureau of the Budget recommends favorable consideration of H.R. 15986 and its enactment would be in accord with the program of the President.

Sincerely yours,

WILFRED H. ROMMEL,
Assistant Director for Legislative Reference.