

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Broadcasters Association, Lincoln, Nebraska, this 28th day of June, 1967.

NEBRASKA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION,
JOE DI NATALE, *President*.

CHARLES THONE,

Secretary and Legal Counsel.

ATTEST :

CONVENTION OF THE NEBRASKA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 6, 1963

Whereas the Federal Communications Commission on June 1, 1949, in *The Matter of Editorializing by Broadcast Licensees* (Docket No. 8516) enunciated and reaffirmed a so-called "Fairness Doctrine" to be observed by broadcast stations in connection with availability of broadcast facilities for expression of contrasting views of responsible elements on issues of public significance and importance, and

Whereas, on July 26, 1963, the Federal Communications Commission issued a Note (FCC 63-734, Public Notice B-38372) announcing, in effect, that in determining compliance with the so-called "Fairness Doctrine" it is immaterial whether the program is, in fact, editorial comment, or whether it is "paid announcement, official speech, editorial or religious broadcast", and

Whereas the Commission by its Notice of July 26, 1963, has apparently extended the "Fairness Doctrine" to every type of programming, irrespective of whether the programming is primarily designed for and intended to be religious, agricultural, or entertainment in nature and irrespective of whether the program deals significantly with an issue of reasonable public controversy, and

Whereas the attempted application by the Federal Communications Commission of its "Fairness Doctrine" to every type of programming of all broadcasts in the United States may and will, in our view, result in a constant morass of problems for the Commission and for the broadcasters involving questions and requiring decisions by the said Commission on day-to-day programming and programs of broadcast stations, including particularly, religious programs, and

Whereas extension by the Federal Communications Commission of the "Fairness Doctrine" to all programming of broadcast stations will be inimical to the freedom from censorship saved for broadcasters by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and

Whereas the extension of Federal control into all areas of programming would, in our view, be contrary to the best interest of the United States of America and the citizens thereof: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Nebraska Broadcasters Association go on record as strongly opposing an extension by the Federal Communications Commission of the "Fairness Doctrine" to all phases of programming by broadcast stations and urge the said Commission to restrict the specific application of the "Fairness Doctrine" to editorial broadcasting and to programs which are specifically and primarily designed to and are considered by the broadcaster to be for the purpose of presenting the significant views of responsible and knowledgeable elements on issues of public controversy and significance in the community and areas served; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Nebraska Broadcasters Association be and is hereby directed to promptly forward a copy of this Resolution to the President of the United States, to the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington 25, D.C., and to each individual Commissioner thereof, and to each Senator and Representative from Nebraska in the Congress of the United States.