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HOEFFEL AND COWELL, MARCH 18, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MARCH 18, 1980

In the House of Representatives, March 18, 1980

1 WHEREAS, The House Select Committee - TMI found that the
2 continuing communications broadcasting at the time of the Three
3 Mile Island incident and in the days following was at times
4 misleading; and

5 WHEREAS, The information being broadcasted was, in many
6 cases, not current with the status of conditions at the time of
7 the incident; and

8 WHEREAS, It is essential to the health and safety of the
9 citizens in the area of possible damage that the information
10 broadcast be current and consistent; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress and the Federal
13 Communications Commission to urge that all broadcast media in
14 the area of a nuclear accident or potential nuclear accident be
15 required to broadcast simultaneously, at certain intervals
16 information advising the public of the emergency and the current

1 status of the emergency; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge Congress and
3 the Federal Communications Commission to investigate the
4 feasibility of utilizing the national emergency radio alert
5 system for the purpose of accurate communications during nuclear
6 emergencies which might require immediate evacuation; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Governor
9 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania
10 Emergency Management Agency to study the feasibility of
11 establishing a central information office to be activated in
12 cases of fast moving emergencies, for the dissemination of
13 accurate and current news of the emergency; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the
15 President of the United States, the presiding officer of each
16 House of the Congress, the Director of the Federal
17 Communications Commission, to each member of the Senate and the
18 House of Representatives in the Congress from the Commonwealth
19 of Pennsylvania and the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency
20 Management Agency.