
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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E. Z. TAYLOR, TIGUE, WALKO, WASHINGTON, WOJNAROSKI, G. WRIGHT
AND YOUNGBLOOD, DECEMBER 13, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS,
DECEMBER 13, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to enact legislation to reregulate the
2 cable industry.

3 WHEREAS, The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was intended to
4 provide an atmosphere in which competition would bring about
5 rate decreases for cable subscribers; and

6 WHEREAS, Since 1999, millions of cable subscribers have
7 experienced rate increases in excess of 20%, more than four
8 times the rate of inflation; and

9 WHEREAS, Cable rates have increased repeatedly, often several
10 times within one year, and have become burdensome for consumers,
11 particularly those on fixed incomes; and

12 WHEREAS, Decreased oversight of the cable industry has led to
13 unfettered rate increases, forcing consumers to pay rapidly
14 increasing prices; and

15 WHEREAS, Local governments no longer have jurisdiction over
16 the rates their residents pay for cable service; and

1 WHEREAS, The Telecommunications Act of 1996 has not provided
2 consumers with adequate protection from spiraling cable rates
3 and has removed the ability of consumers to contact their local
4 officials to seek recourse; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
6 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize the Congress of the
7 United States to conduct an investigation into the rising costs
8 of cable subscriptions for household consumers; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania memorialize Congress to pass
12 legislation to reregulate the cable industry insofar as
13 providing price controls on cable rates and allowing for local
14 government oversight with respect to rates and requested rate
15 increases; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
17 the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each
18 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.