

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require a report by the Federal Communications Commission on designated market areas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—113th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 2799

To extend the authority of satellite carriers to retransmit certain television broadcast station signals, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER)

Viz:

1 At the end of title II, add the following:

2 **SEC. 205. REPORT ON DESIGNATED MARKET AREAS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Commu-
5 nications Commission shall submit to the Committee on
6 Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, the
7 Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, the Committee
8 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representa-
9 tives, and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House
10 of Representatives a report that contains—

11 (1) an analysis of—

1 (A) the extent to which consumers in each
2 local market have access to broadcast program-
3 ming from television broadcast stations located
4 outside their local market; and

5 (B)(i) whether there are alternatives to the
6 use of designated market areas to define mar-
7 kets that would provide consumers with more
8 local programming options; and

9 (ii) the potential impact the alternatives
10 described in clause (i) could have on localism
11 and on broadcast television locally, regionally,
12 and nationally; and

13 (2) recommendations on how to foster increased
14 localism in counties served by out-of-State des-
15 igned market areas.

16 (b) CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOSTERING INCREASED
17 LOCALISM.—In making recommendations under sub-
18 section (a)(2), the Commission shall consider—

19 (1) the impact that designated market areas
20 that cross State lines have on access to local pro-
21 gramming;

22 (2) the impact that designated market areas
23 have on local programming in rural areas; and

1 (3) the state of local programming in States
2 served exclusively by out-of-State designated market
3 areas.