

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 157, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. WALDEN OF OREGON

At the end of the bill, add the following (with the correct sequential provision designations [replacing the spaces or numbers currently shown for such designations]):

1 **SEC. 6. FAIRNESS DOCTRINE PROHIBITED.**

2 (a) **LIMITATION ON GENERAL POWERS: FAIRNESS**
3 **DOCTRINE.**—Title III of the Communications Act of 1934
4 is amended by inserting after section 303 (47 U.S.C. 303)
5 the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 303A. LIMITATION ON GENERAL POWERS: FAIRNESS**
7 **DOCTRINE.**

8 “Notwithstanding section 303 or any other provision
9 of this Act or any other Act authorizing the Commission
10 to prescribe rules, regulations, policies, doctrines, stand-
11 ards, guidelines, or other requirements, the Commission
12 shall not have the authority to prescribe any rule, regula-
13 tion, policy, doctrine, standard, guideline, or other require-
14 ment that has the purpose or effect of reinstating or re-
15 promulgating (in whole or in part)—

16 “(1) the requirement that broadcasters present
17 or ascertain opposing viewpoints on issues of public

1 importance, commonly referred to as the 'Fairness
2 Doctrine', as repealed in In re Complaint of Syra-
3 cuse Peace Council against Television Station
4 WTVH, Syracuse New York, 2 FCC Rcd. 5043
5 (1987); or

6 “(2) any similar requirement that broadcasters
7 meet programming quotas or guidelines for issues of
8 public importance.”.

9 (b) SEVERABILITY.—Notwithstanding section 4, if
10 any provision of section 2(a), 2(b)(1), or 3 or any amend-
11 ment made by those sections is declared or held invalid
12 or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the
13 amendment made by subsection (a) and the application
14 of such amendment to any other person or circumstance
15 shall not be affected by such holding.

