

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1409

To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from repromulgating
the Fairness Doctrine.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 2021

Mr. DUNCAN (for himself, Mrs. BOEBERT, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. NORMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To prevent the Federal Communications Commission from
repromulgating the Fairness Doctrine.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reassuring that the
5 United States Has Wide And Scrupulous Rhetorical In-
6 sight to Garnish Honest Thought Act of 2021” or the
7 “RUSH WAS RIGHT Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. FAIRNESS DOCTRINE PROHIBITED.**

2 Title III of the Communications Act of 1934 is
3 amended by inserting after section 303 (47 U.S.C. 303)
4 the following new section:

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

7 “Notwithstanding section 303 or any other provision
8 of this Act or any other Act authorizing the Commission
9 to prescribe rules, regulations, policies, doctrines, stand-
10 ards, or other requirements, the Commission shall not
11 have the authority to prescribe any rule, regulation, policy,
12 doctrine, standard, or other requirement that has the pur-
13 pose or effect of reinstating or repromulgating (in whole
14 or in part) the requirement that broadcasters present op-
15 posing viewpoints on controversial issues of public impor-
16 tance, commonly referred to as the ‘Fairness Doctrine’,
17 as repealed in General Fairness Doctrine Obligations of
18 Broadcast Licensees, 50 Fed. Reg. 35418 (1985).”.

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