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86TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2424

[Report No. 562]

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 22, 1959

Mr. PASTORE, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, reported the following bill; which was read twice and placed on the calendar

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## A BILL

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to provide that the equal-time provisions with respect to candidates for public office shall not apply to news and other similar programs.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That section 315 (a) of the Communications Act of 1934 is  
4       amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:  
5       “Appearance by a legally qualified candidate on any news-  
6       cast, news interview, news documentary, on-the-spot cover-  
7       age of news events, or panel discussion shall not be deemed  
8       to be use of a broadcasting station within the meaning of  
9       this subsection.”

1        SEC. 2. (a) The Congress declares its intention to re-  
2 examine the amendment to section 315 (a) of the Com-  
3 munications Act of 1934 made by the first section of this  
4 Act, at or before the end of the three-year period beginning  
5 on the date of the enactment of this Act, to ascertain whether  
6 the remedy provided by such amendment has proved to be  
7 effective and practicable.

8        (b) To assist the Congress in making the reexamina-  
9 tion of the amendment made by the first section of this Act,  
10 the Federal Communications Commission shall make a report  
11 to the Congress, within fifteen days after the close of the  
12 year beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and  
13 within fifteen days after the close of each of the following two  
14 years, setting forth (1) the information and data used by  
15 it in determining questions arising from or connected with  
16 such amendment, and (2) such recommendations as it deems  
17 necessary to protect the public interest and to assure equal  
18 treatment of all legally qualified candidates for public office  
19 under section 315 of the Communications Act of 1934.

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