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SENATE APPROVES ETV FACILITIES FUNDS

On May 1, the Senate passed the HEW supplemental appropriation bill, including \$1,500,000 to implement the ETV Facilities Act. A similar amount had been approved by the House on April 9 (Washington Report, IV, 6, 4/15/63). Due to a misunderstanding, this appropriation had been stricken the previous week from the measure as approved by the Senate committee, but the item was reinserted during floor debate, thanks largely to efforts of NAEB members who came quickly to the rescue when called upon.

For the next fiscal year (July 1, 1963 - June 30, 1964), the House Appropriations committee has already reported out the HEW budget, including \$5,000,000 for the ETV Facilities Act. The Senate committee has concluded hearings and is expected to report favorably on ETV funds.

Rules and regulations pertaining to the application for grants under the act have already been prepared and will appear in the Federal Register as soon as the bill has been signed by President Kennedy. Appearance in the Federal Register is necessary by law, before general distribution may be made. However, immediately after the rules and regulations do appear therein, they will be distributed by mail by the USOE.

RULES FOR MAINTENANCE LOGS

New FCC rules on Transmitter Inspections, Maintenance Logs, and Automation will go into effect May 10. Although it was felt earlier that the effective date might be delayed, such is apparently not the case. The proposed rules (which are discussed in some detail in Washington Reports for March 15 and April 15), which are not being distributed by the FCC due to their bulk, may be obtained from the NAEB by sending 50¢ in coin or stamps (to cover costs of reproduction, mailing, and handling). In addition, a memorandum, prepared by Roger Peterson of Jansky & Bailey (NAEB Engineering Consultants), discussing and elaborating on the new rules may be obtained from the NAEB free-of-charge.

Some concern has been expressed by NAEB'ers about the inspection requirements of the new rules, especially as applicable to FM stations operated by remote control and not readily accessible every day. No clear answer is available on this, but it is possible that, under such circumstances a specific request for waiver might be the best hope. However, a word of caution - if, in applying for remote operation, you indicated easy accessibility, the FCC might wonder if you now indicated that poor accessibility was the cause for a request for waiver.

Probably the two items mentioned above will answer most questions, but if you still have questions after reading these two documents, we will attempt to secure information to answer written requests from member stations.

JCEB-ACE SPONSOR ETV SEMINAR

April 28-30, the American Council on Education and the Joint Council on Educational Broadcasting co-sponsored a Seminar on Educational Television and Higher

Education at Airlie House, Warrenton, Va. A group of some 50 leaders in American higher education attended to consider the next decade of ETV development. Dr. Samuel B. Gould, president, Educational Broadcasting Corp. of New York City, gave the keynote address. Among others who participated were FCC Chairman Newton N. Minow, Gov. LeRoy Collins, president of the NAB, and representatives of the Voice of America, USOE, and the Commerce committees of both the House and the Senate.

On the final day of the Seminar, a session was presented by professional educational broadcasters, chaired by NAEB Pres. William Harley, at which NAEB's Richard Hull, John Meaney, and Les Greenhill presented reports, illustrated by films, of the current status of ETV, followed by a report by NEIRC Pres. John White.

SOUTH DAKOTA-WYOMING VHF CHANNEL SHIFTS

On April 10, the FCC finalized rule making (14842), assigning Ch. 11 to Lead, ETV Ch. *9 to Rapid City, and switching ETV reservation from Ch. *22 to Ch. *10 in Pierre, S.D. This was accomplished by substituting Ch. 7 for 9 in Sheridan, Wyo., and Ch. 4 for 7 in Lander, Wyo. Rule making stemmed from petitions by the S.D. State Supt. of Public Instruction and commercial interests.

ETV CH. 3 SHIFTED IN NEW MEXICO

On April 10, the FCC finalized rule making (14903) and shifted ETV Ch. *3 from Roswell to Portales, N.M. Shift had been requested by Bd. of Regents of Eastern N.M. Univ. in cooperation with State Dept. of Ed.

NORTH CAROLINA REQUESTS ADDITIONAL ETV CHANNELS

The Univ. of N.C., Chapel Hill, has requested (April 26) the FCC to amend the rules so as to provide for additional ETV channels necessary and essential to a state-wide ETV network. They have requested one additional VHF channel and six additional UHF channels be reserved. This would involve also the moving of four channels to different towns.

MISCELLANEOUS FCC ACTIONS

Granted (April 9) CP for new Class D noncommercial, educational station to Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., to operate on 88.3 mc, at 10 w.

Granted (April 12) CP for new noncommercial ETV station on Ch. *13 to North Central ETV Assn., Inc. Fargo, N.D.; ERP 105 kw visual, 63 kw aural; antenna 390 ft.

Granted (April 22) Subsidiary Communications Authorization on sub-carrier frequency of 20 kc to WEFM(FM), South Bend (Ind.) Community School Corp.

Granted (April 22) CP to KFJC(FM), Foothill Jr. College District, Los Altos, Calif., to install new antenna and make changes in antenna system; remote control permitted.

April 23, granted license to WRVR(FM), Riverside Church, NYC, covering changes in antenna height, type, and system.

Granted (April 24), CP to Univ. of New Hampshire, Durham, for a new Class D noncommercial educational FM station to operate on 90.3 mc, with 10 w.

Granted (April 30) CPs to Albany (N.Y.) Medical College for new remote pickup stations.

April 10 waived Sec. 3.71(a) of rules to permit WHAZ, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y., to operate daytime from noon until 5 p.m. or until local sunset, whichever is earlier, Monday through Friday, also other daytime hours for special events and programs, without share-time arrangement with stations WPOW and WEVD, New York City, but continued nighttime share-time arrangements.

Granted (April 15) CP to WHA-TV, U. of Wis., to change ERP to 158 kw visual, 79.4 kw aural; type transmitter, antenna and equipment; transmitter location; and antenna height to 740 ft.

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