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SATELLITE HOME VIEWER COPYRIGHT ACT

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 18, 1988

Mr SKELTON Mr Speaker, rural America is the home of approximately 63 million citizens who have chosen to live and work in a rural setting Many of these citizens cannot receive normal television transmissions and have no access to cable television Many have already made substantial investments in satellite dish equipment to receive the same television transmissions that urban areas take for granted Now, with television signals being scrambled, the rural viewers face even more costs

Currently there are two bills pending in Congress that are important to rural television viewers H R 1885 promotes fair marketing practices of scrambled satellite signals to home dish owners H R 2848, the Satellite Home Viewer Coyright Act of 1987, is designed to solve the copyright problems which affect satellite signal scrambling

As a representative of a rural district and chairman of the congressional rural caucus, I support both of these measures It is time for rural Americans, at a reasonable price, to enjoy the same viewing rights as urban citizens