

HOUSE No. 1754

By Mr. Mirsky of Boston, petition of Wilfred S. Mirsky for the adoption of resolutions by the General Court requesting the Federal Communications Commission to grant certain television frequencies for educational purposes. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-One.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE GENERAL COURT REQUESTING THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO GRANT CERTAIN TELEVISION FREQUENCIES IN BOTH THE VERY HIGH FREQUENCY AND ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCY CHANNELS FOR EDUCATION.

1 *Whereas*, The principle that the frequencies used in
2 radio and television belong to the American people
3 was firmly established in the earliest days of broad-
4 casting; and

5 *Whereas*, The Federal Communications Commis-
6 sion acts as the steward of the American people in
7 safeguarding the freedom of the air and in assuring
8 the public that these frequencies will be used for the
9 greatest good; be it

10 *Resolved*, That, in order to safeguard the public
11 interest and to prevent a great new medium of com-
12 munication from being closed to the forces of edu-
13 cation, the general court of the commonwealth of
14 Massachusetts hereby petitions that the Federal
15 Communications Commission, in the making of all

16 future assignments in the very high frequency band,
17 shall save at least one locally available and usable
18 television broadcast frequency in each broadcast
19 area for assignment exclusively to educational sta-
20 tion applicants, and that an adequate number of
21 channels in the ultra-high frequency band shall be
22 set aside for assignment to educational stations
23 against the day when broadcasting in that band
24 begins; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That it is the belief of the general court of
26 the commonwealth of Massachusetts that only in this
27 way can the Federal Communications Commission
28 assure the American people that it is acting in the in-
29 terests of public service, and that it is protecting the
30 cultural heritage of the American people; and be it
31 further

32 *Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution shall be
33 transmitted to the Federal Communications Com-
34 mission.