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To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the dissemination
of indecent material on cable television.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 1997

Mr. HALL of Ohio (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. HUNTER)
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the
Judiciary

A BILL

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the dissemination of indecent material on cable television.

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 "Family Viewing Cable

5 Television Act of 1997".

6 **SEC. 2. DISSEMINATION OF INDECENT MATERIAL ON**

7   **CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE.**

8   (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 71 of title 18, United

9 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1464

10 the following:

1 **"§ 1464A. Dissemination of indecent material on cable**

2 **television**

3 "(a) Whoever knowingly disseminates any indecent

4 material on any channel provided to all subscribers as part

5 of a basic cable television package shall be imprisoned not

6 more than two years or fined under this title, or both.

7 "(b) As used in this section, the term 'basic cable

8 television package' means those channels provided by any

9 means for a basic cable subscription fee to all cable sub-

10 scribers, including 'basic cable service' and 'other pro-

11 gramming service' as those terms are defined in section

12 602 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 522),

13 but does not include separate channels that are provided

14 to subscribers upon specific request, whether or not a sep-

15 arate or additional fee is charged.".

16 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections

17 at the beginning of chapter 71 of title 18, United States

18 Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to

19 section 1464 the following new item:

"1464A. Dissemination of indecent material on cable television.".

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