
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8425

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By Senators Snyder, McDonald and Sutherland

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1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Washington have an inherent right to watch
2 their government at work; and

3 WHEREAS, The state of Washington has a long and proud tradition of
4 open government; and

5 WHEREAS, The 1994 session of the Washington state legislature
6 extended this tradition by authorizing and supporting unedited
7 television coverage of state government deliberations modeled after the
8 successful national cable channel, C-SPAN; and

9 WHEREAS, Section 116 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6244,
10 the 1994 supplemental budget, provided that commencement of operation
11 of equipment for unedited television coverage within legislative
12 facilities would be subject to ratification by both houses of the
13 legislature by concurrent resolution;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
15 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That operation of
16 equipment to provide unedited television coverage of events within
17 legislative facilities is hereby authorized until June 30, 1998, unless
18 operation is reauthorized by both houses of the legislature by
19 concurrent resolution approved before June 30, 1998, which extends
20 authorization until a later date certain or for an indefinite period;
21 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this authorization shall be effective
2 in the Washington state House of Representatives upon execution of a
3 memorandum of understanding between TVW, the provider of unedited
4 television coverage, and the chief clerk of the House of
5 Representatives, and shall be effective in the Washington state Senate
6 upon execution of a memorandum of understanding between TVW and the
7 secretary of the Senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the House of
9 Representatives or the secretary of the Senate may request summary
10 material relating to programming from TVW to assist in the efforts of
11 any compliance committee or committees as may be established; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any member of the board of directors
13 of TVW who is required to file any document with a state or federal
14 agency which regulates campaign practices or campaign finances on which
15 the person is named in any capacity other than as a contributor, shall
16 also be required to file such documents with the chief clerk of the
17 House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate.

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