

Television Violence Act

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Mr. SIMON (for himself, Mr. METZENBAUM, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KOHL, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. GORE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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**A BILL**

To exempt certain activities from provisions of the antitrust laws.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That (a) actions specified in section 2 shall be exempt from

4 the antitrust laws of the United States.

5 (b) For purposes of this Act—

6 (1) "antitrust laws" has the meaning given such

7 term in the first section of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C.

8 12), and shall also include section 5 of the Federal

9 Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45);

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1 (2) "person in the television industry" means a  
2 television network, any entity which produces pro-  
3 gramming for television distribution, including theatri-  
4 cal motion pictures, the National Cable Television As-  
5 sociation, the Association of Independent Television  
6 Stations, Inc., the National Association of Broadcast-  
7 ers, the Motion Picture Association of America, and  
8 each of the networks' affiliate organizations, and shall  
9 include any individual acting on behalf of such person;  
10 and

11 (3) "telecast" means any program broadcast by a  
12 television broadcast station or transmitted by a cable  
13 television system.

14 SEC. 2. The antitrust laws shall not apply to any joint  
15 discussion, consideration, review, action, or agreement by or  
16 among persons in the television industry for the purpose of,  
17 and limited to developing and disseminating voluntary guide-  
18 lines designed to alleviate the negative impact of violence in  
19 telecast material.

20 SEC. 3. (a) The exemption provided in section 2 shall  
21 not apply to any joint discussion, consideration, review,  
22 action, or agreement which results in a boycott of any  
23 person.

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1 (b) The exemption provided in section 2 shall apply only  
2 to activities conducted within 36 months after the date of  
3 enactment of this Act.

4 SEC. 4. This Act may be cited as the "Television Vio-  
5 lence Act".

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