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Ham Bill Goes to Congress

(taken from the ARRL Letter April 4, 2003)

Another Congressional attempt is under way to provide relief to amateurs prevented by private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) from installing outdoor antennas. Rep Steve Israel (D-NY) has again introduced the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" into the current session of Congress. The measure, designated HR 1478, would require private land-use regulators such as homeowners' associations to "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio antennas consistent with the PRB-1 limited federal preemption. PRB-1 now applies only to states and municipalities.

In remarks introducing HR 1478, Israel said passage of his bill not only would assist Amateur Radio operators but society as a whole. "Organized Amateur Radio operators--or "hams"--regularly provide emergency communication when regular communications channels are disrupted by disaster," Israel pointed out. The growth of developed communities has put a growing number of hams under an "array of inconsistent regulations," he said, that make it harder and harder--or altogether impossible--to erect the necessary antennas.

"Not allowing hams the equipment they need could restrict communication to the local community in similar situations in the future." Israel said his bill "seeks to ensure the continued viability of Amateur Radio through consistent application of federal regulations."

The one-sentence measure is identical to the text of the CC&R bill that was introduced in the last Congress: "For purposes of the Federal Communications Commission's regulation relating to station antenna structures in the Amateur Radio Service (47 CFR 97.15), any private land use rules applicable to such structures shall be treated as a state or local regulation and shall be subject to the same requirements and limitations as a state or local regulation."

HR 1478 has bipartisan support. Leading the list of 13 initial cosponsors for the measure are Reps Greg Walden, WB7OCE, (R-OR) and Mike Ross, WD5DVR, (D-AR)--believed to be the only Amateur Radio licensees in Congress. Joining them are representatives Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD), Marion Berry (D-AR), Rick Boucher (D-VA), Jo Ann Davis (R-VA), Ralph Hall (D-TX), Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), Michael McNulty (D-NY), Dennis Moore (D-KS), Charles Taylor (R-NC) and Patrick Tiberi (R-OH).

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said he was happy to see the bill back before Congress. "Of course I am very pleased that Rep Israel has reintroduced the bill," Haynie said. "The League can do the mechanics, but it is now up to our members to write their elected representative and urge support and ask that they cosponsor and support the bill." Haynie noted that the League has recently ramped up its efforts to educate members of Congress about Amateur Radio, but he said lawmakers respond best to individual members.

HR 1478 has been assigned to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Information about the bill and a sample letter to use when contacting your representative are available on the ARRL Web site <http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr1478/>.

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From the President
Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ

Wasn't that Auction GREAT?!!!! We had a tremendous turnout, lots of equipment and boxes of junk, and several incredible finds that brought tears to the eyes of the bidders! I took most of what I bid on home, much to the displeasure of KB6RCT. Added to the Crest Radio Museum were a nice condition National NC-109 shortwave/ham receiver, a National NCX-3 triband SSB transceiver in "Maybe I can fix it" condition, a fine example of a Globe Chief transmitter, and an incredibly rare Stoner HF Marine transceiver with all markings in Spanish. Probably the only one of those on the West Coast still in existence! Other items I saw go for a song were numerous dual band and 2 meter FMs, a coax switch, a Ringo, a vintage INSTRUCTOGRAPH code generator, and too many others to recall. Auctioneer Jeff Davis KG6JRM did a memorable job at dispersing the debris. Left over was a whole box of "maybe you can fix them if you spend enough money, but don't count on it" Camcorders. Who knows what its' future is, but it also came with a Black Widow Spider which was promptly dispatched by a braver club member than I. So, now is the time to start loading another box for next year. By next April it should be full and we can have a wonderful time again!

It's MAY, and we are less than 2 months away from the biggest event of the year, FIELD DAY!!!! Are you preparing? I have volunteered to cook (Cooks always eat good!) for the event duration, but we need a lot of Ice chests to hold the drinks and Gordy WB6POW needs a lot of help gathering up the chow and hauling it up to Mt Laguna.

We desperately need lots of operators and folks to cheer them on. Antennas have to be set up and torn down on Sunday. The generator needs service and there is plenty of chores to go around to make our event a smashing success! Chairman Jeff KG6JRM will brief us at the June meeting, but we need to get going earlier than that. If you would like to reserve your operating position, give Jeff a call.

How is the year going? Many new WAMOs are on the net, excited visitors are becoming new members and word is getting out the ARC of El Cajon is THE radio club to belong to. Come to our next meeting for even more fun!

Want to receive E-mail reminders of club meetings? How 'bout when the latest edition of the Counterpoise is online? Join the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon's e-mail reflector. Just send a message to:

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Only My Opinion!!!

Rebuttal to “WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ARES??”

It was with great dismay that I read Mr. Bunsold’s opinion which was so prominently published in the April 2003 Counterpoise. Please bear with me while I reveal the facts behind his “opinion”.

First of all, the San Diego Section in general and ARES in particular are not in turmoil of any kind. I am involved both at the Section level and the ARES level. Past members of the “leadership” that Mr. Bunsold refers to, were the main problem with the local ARES operations. For the record, several members of the substitute “RAVES” organization (i.e. past members of the “leadership”) are at present under investigation by the ARRL for misappropriation of League property and/or wilful destruction of League property. This comes directly from Art Goddard, W6XD, ARRL Southwestern Div. Director. By the way, “RAVES” was formed in 1998/1999 as a fundraising adjunct to the local ARES organization. Not just recently formed to meet any sort of vacuum in the Amateur Radio community as Mr. Bunsold implies.

Secondly, the thinly veiled slanderous remark regarding Mr. Kent Tiburski’s (Section Manager) character and management choices is just that, slanderous. Under League rules, Mr. Tiburski had every right to exercise his power to fire the past “leadership” members, just as Mr. Bunsold has the right to fire certain volunteers in the El Cajon Club. In my opinion, the house cleaning that Mr. Tiburski did was long overdue. The recall effort (and the petition being circulated lately) is being spearheaded by the very people currently under investigation by the ARRL! And this recall is costing League members alot of money that could be better spent elsewhere.

Thirdly, as a direct result of an action by a member of the past ‘leadership’, my wife and I have had to change our phone number for personal security reasons. This is due to it being published in the ARES Alert after I specifically requested (twice) that it not be. This was more than an inconvenience. It cost us money and put the peace of mind of my family at risk all because someone wanted to be spiteful.

Further, ARES has had an increase in amateurs wanting to be involved in this fine organization. No one is giving up on ARES except for those amateurs that were fired, have resigned, are under investigation or had their egos bruised. Several amateurs who left ARES because of the past “leadership” are now returning and becoming heavily

involved. ARES is not on hold, it is moving forward which is a direction it wasn’t going under the past “leadership”

Finally, the only reason that amateur radio has suffered a “bloody nose” is because of the selfish, egotistical and vindictive actions of a very small minority in the local amateur radio community. Several members of the past “leadership” and their friends have been going around bad mouthing Kent Tiburski and other members of the Section staff as well as spreading rumors. It was these same people that went to the “served agencies” and made false accusations and statements regarding ARES and the San Diego Section.

I know this because I have been involved with several “served agencies” both in a volunteer role and as a paid staff person for over 16 years.

In closing, I wish to state I don’t know Mr. Bunsold personally. I don’t believe that we have met. I don’t think that he has been to any ARES meetings, training sessions or operations since the past “leadership” was fired. I don’t even wish him any ill will. I have heard rumors that Mr. Bunsold is interested in running for Section Manager again and I can only speculate on his motives for publishing his “opinion”.

Steve Smith, WB6TWL

Amateur Radio Club Of El Cajon



The April meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon featured an auction, which has not been held for about 20 years. According to some sources, many people attended, and it has been suggested that this auction not only be held annually, but possibly twice a year.

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868	KC6SDG	Ron	Kerzner	May	8
		Herbert	Mansfield	May	9
988	K7OY	Maynard	Skidmore	May	10
1234	KE6HBQ	Greg	Richard	May	11
1601	KG6KLF	Martin	Werner	May	11
1000	KB6WQO	Carol	Myrick (L)	May	12
729	KA6RLX	Al	Gentz (L)	May	14
1038	KD6KHQ	Linda	Kennedy	May	14
1156	KD6ZNU	Shirley	Boehme (L)	May	14
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530	NV6E	Herald	Sawdy (L)	May	25
100	K6CR	Cliff	Richardson	May	30
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Big T Hunt

May 10th
International "T" Hunt day

This will be an all day style hunt starting at 10 AM at Montgomery Field in the Kearny Mesa area of San Diego. All of the T's will be within San Diego County and in the same general direction from the start point; at least one of the T's will have a strong, vertically polarized signal at the starting area. K6DYD will be doing the hiding. This hunt will have at least three transmitters and will be mileage-with-time-penalty. The T's will stay on the air for as long as needed, up to 24 hours. We will have a get-together at a nearby restaurant if possible Saturday evening..

April 19th Hunt:

1st place: Tom KE6VCR, Joe KE6PHB, Tony WA6ZMZ, and Bruce KG6IYN

2nd place: Phil N6WHK and Tuck NZ6T.

3rd place: Bruce KF6AUW and Steve N6QEK

Everyone found the main T. Due to the confusion that ensued once all the teams showed up, I regret to say that I don't have an further ranking details.

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CALIFORNIA ANTENNA BILL ZIPS THROUGH ASSEMBLY (taken from the ARRL Letter 4/11/03)

Just eight days after being voted out of committee, California's latest effort to pass an Amateur Radio antenna bill--Assembly Bill 1228--this week got the approval of the California Assembly on a 67-0 vote on April 10. The measure's had its first reading in the Senate. The next major step will be a hearing--as yet unscheduled--before the Senate Local Government Committee.

"Excellent news!" was the reaction of ARRL Southwestern Division Director Art Goddard, W6XD. The bill, introduced February 21 by Assemblyman Bob Dutton (R-63rd), got a unanimous 9-0 favorable vote at an April 2 hearing of the Assembly Committee on Local Government at which ARRL staffer and antenna expert Dean Straw, N6BV--a California resident--testified on behalf of the measure. ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallo, W6RGG, also spoke at the hearing.

Mike Mitchell, W6RW, who's spearheading the Amateur Radio community's effort to promote the bill says AB 1228, now is seeking witnesses for the Senate committee hearing. Straw already has volunteered to appear. AB 1228 marks the first bill sponsored by Dutton--who was elected last November--to reach the Assembly floor.

AB 1228 would incorporate the language of PRB-1 into the statutes of California. The state is home to some

100,000 Amateur Radio licensees--by far the greatest number of any other state and nearly 15 percent of total US licensees. The measure would require any ordinance regulating Amateur Radio antenna structures to not preclude but to "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio communications, to allow amateur station antenna structures "at heights and dimensions sufficient to accommodate Amateur Radio Service communications" and to constitute "the minimum practicable regulation to accomplish the legitimate purpose of the city or county."

The California legislature approved a nearly identical PRB-1 measure three years ago, but Gov Gray Davis vetoed it. Davis said at the time that he did so because funds for required studies were not included in his budget. The new bill does not carry a price tag.

A copy of the proposed legislation is available on the California Legislature Web site

http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/bill/asm/ab_1201-1250/ab_1228_bill_20030221_introduced.html

Utah recently became the latest of 17 states to incorporate the essence of PRB-1 into their laws.

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www.qsl.net/wa6bgs

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May 2003



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11 Mother's Day	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16	17 6:30a Swap Meet 6pm T Hunt (Armed Forces Day)
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