

REGULATION OF AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANIES
OPERATING ACROSS THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER

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Mr. DILL, from the Committee on Interstate Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2660]

The Committee on Interstate Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2660) to amend the Radio Act of 1927, having considered the same, report thereon with an amendment and, as so amended, recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to give the Federal Radio Commission power to prevent any person from having a studio or apparatus in the United States where radio programs are produced and sent to a foreign country and broadcast by a station in that country so that the program is heard consistently in the United States. Certain persons who have been forbidden to operate broadcasting stations in the United States have set up stations in Mexico and are operating studios on the American side of the line. This bill will give the Commission power to stop such outlaw broadcasting.

The bill will not interfere in any way with exchange of programs between the United States and foreign countries because the Commission is authorized to grant permits to those who desire to operate legally and in the interests of the public.

Your committee has recommended adoption of the following amendment: On page 2, line 8, after the word "therefor" and the period, add:

Provided, That nothing in this section shall apply to the use of any studio, place or apparatus in connection with any program which is broadcast simultaneously by a foreign radio station and by any radio broadcasting station licensed by the Federal Radio Commission.

The purpose of this amendment is to make unnecessary the granting of permits where a station, licensed by the Commission, broadcasts a program simultaneously with a foreign radio station. Your committee believes this amendment will help to clarify the meaning of the bill and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

