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4 Boyd, Grimsley, Williams (JW), Sells, Holmes (M), Brown,
5 McCampbell, Beech, Knight, Chestnut, Drummond, Warren,
6 Coleman, Forte, Beckman, Baker, Shiver, Polizos, Jones,
7 Ledbetter, Buskey, Greer, Boothe, Clouse, Chesteen, Lee,
8 Lovvorn, Crawford, Martin, Gaston, Pringle, Davis, Rowe,
9 Nordgren, Collins, Whorton (I), Wadsworth, Scott, Hurst,
10 Millican, Johnson (R) and Wilcox
11 RFD: Rules
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8 URGING TELEVISION SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE ALL
9 ALABAMA CITIZENS WITH ACCESS TO NEWS AND TELEVISION
10 PROGRAMMING THAT ORIGINATES IN ALABAMA.
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12 WHEREAS, Alabama residents who live near the border
13 of a neighboring state often receive television programming
14 from the neighboring state and do not receive local news and
15 information important to Alabamians; and

16 WHEREAS, with the upcoming elections, potential
17 voters are not receiving vital information to make informed
18 decisions on election day; and

19 WHEREAS, instead of receiving weather alerts,
20 community announcements, and other public information relevant
21 to the Alabama community in which they live, Alabama residents
22 are receiving their news from Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, or
23 Mississippi; and

24 WHEREAS, it is especially crucial that Alabama
25 residents receive timely weather alerts when severe storms are
26 in their area, and if they are receiving their news and
27 weather alerts from a Georgia station the storm may have

1 already affected an Alabama community and moved into Georgia
2 before residents even receive warnings; now therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
4 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge television service
5 providers who serve Alabama residents to provide news and
6 television programming that is pertinent to the citizenship,
7 health and safety of all Alabama residents, by providing
8 access to local news stations originating in Alabama.