Adopted	Rejected

COMMITTEE REPORT

YES: 11
NO: 0

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on ***Commerce, Energy, Technology and Utilities****, to which was referred House Bill 1619, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill* ***be amended*** *as follows:*

Delete the title and insert the following:

A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning public safety.

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 17, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) As used in this SECTION, "emergency override" means the interruption of video programming simultaneously on all analog or digital downstream channels with an audio and visual message created to alert the franchise holder's subscribers of an emergency or a disaster.**

(b) As used in this SECTION, "franchise holder" refers to a holder of:

(1) a certificate of franchise authority issued by the Indiana utility regulatory commission under IC 8-1-34-17; or

(2) a local franchise (as defined in IC 8-1-34-8) that is in effect on April 29, 2009.

(c) Not later than November 1, 2009, the planning and assessment division of the department of homeland security shall recommend to the general assembly a system that allows units to provide:

(1) audio and visual emergency information; and

(2) instructions to the franchise holder's subscribers within the unit's jurisdiction;

during a local emergency or a local disaster through an emergency override. The division shall submit its recommendations in a report to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

(d) The division shall consult with associations and groups representing the following while developing its recommendations under subsection (c):

(1) County emergency management agencies.

(2) Public safety access points (PSAPs).

(3) Franchise holders.

(4) Broadcasters located in Indiana.

(5) Counties.

(6) Cities and towns.

(e) This SECTION expires January 1, 2010.".

Delete page 2.

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 22.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to HB 1619 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

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Representative Moses