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STATEMENT BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND (D-SC) COMMENTING ON THE ACTION OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, DELAYING THE PROPOSED TRIAL OF PAY TELEVISION, JULY 28, 1958.

I am pleased that the Federal Communications Commission has delayed putting into effect its proposed plan to permit pay television on a trial basis. This is thoroughly in accord with the objective of the Senate Resolution which I introduced early in the session, calling on the FCC to delay action until such time as Congress may be able to study the merits of pay TV. Accordingly, I will not press for the adoption of the Resolution.

However, I will continue to seek the enactment of my bill to prohibit pay television. I am convinced that pay TV is not in the best interest of the public, but would only result in an extra cost to the public without a commensurate improvement in television service.

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