

RESOLUTION NO. 84-026

H. R. 4103, known as the "Cable Telecommunications Act of 1983" would authorize the repeal of contractual provisions requiring the provision of particular services, facilities, and equipment by allowing the cable operator to discontinue services, facilities, and equipment required by the franchise whenever there has been a significant change in circumstances.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the major shortcomings of H. R. 4103 are 1) a prohibition of virtually all local regulations of subscriber rates; 2) the establishment of renewal provisions which are heavily weighted in the operator's favor; 3) the setting of a minimum buy back price which is likely to be unaffordable in most cases; 4) the failure to provide full grandfathering protection for existing franchises and franchises resulting from pending RFP's; 5) no protection for cities from antitrust liability; 6) limitations on municipal authority to establish leased access standards; and 7) authorization of the discontinuation of services, facilities, and equipment required by the franchise on the basis of a significant change in circumstances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby request Congressman Norman Shunway to correspond with Congressman John Dingell, Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee expressing concerns regarding H. R. 4103.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lodi does hereby further request that Congressman Shunway oppose this bill if it reaches the House Floor in its present form.

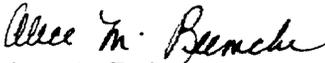
Dated: March 7, 1984

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 84-026
was passed and adopted by the City Council
of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting
held March 7, 1984 by the following vote:

Ayes: Council Members - Reid, Snider,
Murphy, & Olson (Mayor)

Noes: Council Members - None

Absent: Council Members - None


Alice M. Reimche
City Clerk