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## "COMMUNICATIONS TODAY"

C-SPAN BEGINS NEW SERIES ON COMMUNICATIONS ISSUES

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WASHINGTON, D.C.-- "Fairness in Broadcasting" -- a Congressional hearing on a bill, recently introduced in the Senate, that would make the Fairness Doctrine law -- is the first installment of a new series to appear biweekly on C-SPAN cable network.

Eight witnesses, involved in the communications industry and academia, debate the issues surrounding the Fairness Doctrine as an instrument for balancing the First Amendment rights of both broadcasters and the public.

Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI) chairs the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee hearing. Witnesses testifying before the subcommittee include FCC chairman Mark Fowler, former FCC commissioner Charles Ferris, Radio-Television News Directors Association (RTNDA) past president and Baton Rouge news director John Spain, Annenberg School of Communications (University of Pennsylvania) professor Robert Shayon, and dean emeritus of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, Roy Fisher.

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