

Dear C-SPAN,

I watch you a lot. Between CNN, HeadLineNews and You, I find lots to keep me excited. Victorville is 50 miles east of Palmdale, about 35 miles northeast of San Bernardino on I-15. Cable is plentiful in this area since we are just out of range over the mountains from either Los Angeles or San Bernardino. I thought you'd like to know.

I'd like to respond to your call for viewer suggestions, I think all viewers would agree with me. It irritates me, as I'm sure it does all others, to turn on C-SPAN in the middle of a house voting session. Unless you have current indexed documents in front of you, which most viewers don't, it is impossible to know what subject is being voted on. These voting sessions last a long time. Nobody says anything. Music plays.

It would be very interesting, during this wasted time, to have narration in place of the music. During this time facts about the bill could be discussed. Facts such as: what the present subject is all about; who sponsored the bill or ammendment; the position of each party on the matter; forseen effects of its passage or non passage; who the bill would affect most and least, and so on. Or, as interesting as VIEWER CALL-IN is, there would be time for numerous calls during most all voting sessions. Or, you could alternate between these interesting ideas.

I think such a narrative is necessary for another reason. Thanks to C-SPAN, there is a "hole in the wall through which we can watch the BALL GAME". People, I included, are so ignorant of a lot that happens in the House and Senate. The suggested narrative time could have lots of information that many have not heard of, thus adding to our little world of government knowledge. The video screen need not be interrupted.

You would probably be flooded with calls and letters of appreciation for that change. People would be more knowledgable and informed in deciding on their own vote at election time. I believe this change would cause more viewers to stick with it and not tune you out. I would appreciate a response to me on my suggestion.

I continually wish to myself that you would have more expanded Viewer Call-In



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sessions. They are so very interesting. I was so enthused on Sunday, October 7th, last year, your 10 year anniversary of Viewer Call-In. I watched as much as I could all day long. I know the timing was a coincidence with the budget session, but I believe it was a good coincidence. You mentioned on the air the increase in "first time callers". Believe me, you ain't heard nothin' !! . I think that I am among countless thousands of old and new viewers alike who have not yet called. I tend to believe that they all wish, as I do, that you would increase the time of your Call-In programs. Please consider doing that.

Since you are there and much more aware, can you please inform me on how I can obtain detailed copies of the bills, amendments etc that are debated and voted on in the house? Can I use Compuserve to access these details? I would like so much to be able to read just what it is that they argue over day after day. I'm sure the rest of us would like that too. Maybe you could publish that on the air. Or maybe I don't pay enough attention.

By the way, I lean almost completely toward the conservative. I agree 96% of the time with the Republican views. If you really listen, then it is quite obvious that the Republicans are very down to earth, where the Democrats obviously want to take all of your money and spend it. I disagree on one Republican subject: their position on abortion. Women should have the right to choose.

I hope you consider the suggestions I made. I will be waiting to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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