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89TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 17675

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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2 engaging in or conducting the organized professional
3 team sports of football, baseball, basketball, or hockey,
4 by which any league of clubs participating in profes-
5 sional football, baseball, basketball, or hockey contests
6 sells or otherwise transfers all or any part of the rights
7 of such league's member clubs in the sponsored telecast-
8 ing of the games of football, baseball, basketball, or
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12 courses continuing through the twelfth grade of the
13 standard school curriculum, or the equivalent, and

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3 played on such a date if— (a) based on sports meet-
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7 credit hours to qualify a four-year course, or both of
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16 the national broadcast television or general circulation
17 newspaper of such a State as being regularly sched-
18 uled for such a date and placed in a position to be
19 broadcast by such a station; (b) by inserting a proviso in
20 that described in section 1 (a) of this Act which permits
21 the televising of all or a substantial part of any professional
22 football game on any Friday after 6 o'clock, postmeridian
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24 ning of Friday in September and ending on the evening of
25 Saturday in December in any year from any televising station located

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"H.R. 17675"

(CELLER, Emanuel)

football

September 14, 1966

Honorable Emanuel Celler
Chairman
Committee on the Judiciary
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Re: H.R. 17675

Dear Mr. Chairman,

My bill H.R. 17675, "To amend the Act of September 30, 1961 (75 Stat. 732)," has been referred to your Committee.

May I respectfully request that you ask the interested departments and agencies for a report on this proposal. I would also deeply appreciate anything which you may do to schedule action on this legislation during this session of the Congress.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:rm



[Frank]

~~H.R.~~ H.R. 17675"

(AGRANOFF, Michael H.)

football ~~letter~~

*TV
Substant*

September 16, 1966

Mr. Michael H. Agranoff
726 John Jay Hall
Columbia University
New York, N. Y. 10027

Dear Mr. Agranoff,

I have your letter of September 13th and appreciate your interest in my bill relative to football. Enclosed is a copy of the press release which was issued at the time I introduced the legislation.

You will note that there was nothing in my bill which would cause "a weekend blackout on the televising of professional football." I would be in complete agreement with you that such legislation would be ill-advised.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:mr

Encl.



726 John Jay Hall
Columbia University
New York, N.Y. 10027
13 September 1966

Honorable Gerald R. Ford
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Connect him

Dear Sir:

I have just heard a very disturbing item on the radio, to the effect that you plan to introduce a bill calling for, among other things, a weekend blackout on the televising of professional football. Sir, I would like to know by what right you take it upon yourself to determine the viewing preferences of football fans. You have no business preventing me or anyone else from watching one of the most exciting sports in the country on television. There are few enough good programs on TV, and I see no reason why one of them should be abolished, and no constitutional justification for your attempt to abolish it.

Let me clear a few things up. High school football is absolutely nothing compared to college football, and is even less when compared to professional football. The reasons are obvious to football fans, and legislation cannot change this. It is my experience that high school games are watched, and will continue to be watched, by students of the participating schools, their parents, school officials, and scattered interested townspeople. They do so no matter what is on television. However, persons interested in top-notch football want to watch the pros, and will not drag themselves to high school games in any event. It is admirable and understandable that you wish to make high school football players feel better, but this is no way to do it. I know of no evidence that high school games would be better attended if there were a blackout of professional games, and I further have the strongest doubt that you have any legal right to propose such a blackout. Anti-trust business to the contrary, the courts have not yet ruled invalid the current merger of the AFL and NFL. It is a great thing, favored by all real football fans, and you have no business trying to break it up. This is a matter for the courts, and I know of no litigation pending on this matter at the moment.

Getting to something which may affect your judgement a little more; viz., the ballot box. This bill may get you a few votes from high school principals, who doubtless have been prodding you for this. It will get you NO votes from the thousands of sports fans in your district. Even though your Congressional seat seems as solid as Gibraltar, you would be well-advised to consider this.

High school football will go on, blackout or no blackout. You have no more right to tell me what type of football to watch than I have to tell you what type of toothpaste to use.

Indignantly yours,

Michael H. Agranoff
MICHAEL H. AGRANOFF



[Frank]

"H.R. 17675"

(CODY, J. Edward)

football telecasting

September 19, 1966

Mrs. J. Edward Cody
10 Melborne Street
Bridgeport 6, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Cody,

Thank you so very much for your letter of September 15th relative to the legislation which I have introduced concerning the football leagues and the televising of football games.

I think the enclosed copy of my news release of September 13th will clarify what I have in mind and what my proposed legislation will do.

My bill and similar ones have been referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary for further consideration.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:mr

Encl.



Mrs. J. EDWARD CODY
10 MELBORNE STREET
BRIDGEPORT 6, CONN.

Sept. 15, 1966

Hon. Gerald R. Ford
House Office Bldg
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

I write as a representative of the increasing army of arm chair sports fans who find the professional football season all too brief. Altho we are heartily in favor of your bill to merge the American and National Football Leagues, we deplore any limitation on the telecasting of games on Friday and Saturday.

I hope that you will take
into consideration the undoubted
fact that there is very little
overlap in ^{potential} audiences of school
and professional football games.
Many fans of professional
football would not attend a
high school or college game if
they were provided with free tickets
and transportation, and many
more are physically unable to do so.
Conversely, I believe the people who
attend high school and college games
usually are relatives and friends
of the players who would seldom
watch a pro game. Please do not
deprive the pro fans of the chance
to see any of the relatively few
games they have a chance to see
at present.

Truly yours,
(Mrs) Alexine M. Costy.

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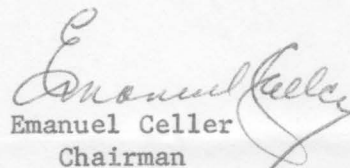
Honorable Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colleague:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 14, 1966, with reference to your bill, H. R. 17675, to amend the Act of September 30, 1961 (75 Stat. 732).

This is to advise you that appropriate departmental reports have been requested on H. R. 17661, which is similar to your proposal.

Sincerely yours,


Emanuel Celler
Chairman

EC:dm



[Frank]

"H.R. 17675"

(ZINN, Bernard F.)

football

September 26, 1966

Mr. Bernard F. Zinn
250 Martin Street
Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Mr. Zinn,

Thank you for your letter of September 22nd in support of the legislation which I have introduced concerning football leagues and televising of games. Enclosed is a copy of the press release which was issued at the time I introduced the legislation.

My bill and similar ones have been referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary for further consideration.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:r

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OFFICE OF
BERNARD FREDERICK ZINN
Attorney and Counselor
250 MARTIN STREET
BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

September 22, 1966

The Honorable Gerald Ford
U. S. House of Representatives
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Football Hergen

Dear Congressman Ford:

I understand you have recently introduced in the House a companion bill to Senate Bill S. 3817.

In my judgment legislation as proposed would be in the best interest of the public. Any assistance you can render to procure favorable and prompt action by the House to the end that the legislation becomes law will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

B. F. Zinn
BERNARD F. ZINN

BFZ:C



[Frank]

"H.R. 17675"

(REED, Wm. R.)

professional football

September 29, 1966

Mr. William R. Reed
Commissioner
Big Ten Intercollegiate Conference
Sheraton-Chicago Hotel
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Bill,

Thank you so very much for your helpful and constructive letter of September 26th concerning legislation relative to professional football.

There is some indication that the House Committee on the Judiciary may act on the legislation this session, although as you know Chairman Celler is not enthusiastic about it.

I am, therefore, taking the liberty of sending your letter to my good friend Rep. Clark MacGregor, who serves on the Committee on the Judiciary, so that he can have your proposed amendments for consideration if the committee does take up the bill.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:mr



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"H.R. 17675"

(MACGREGOR, Clark)

S. 3817 re football

September 29, 1966

Rep. Clark MacGregor
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Clark,

Enclosed is the letter I just received from an old friend of mine, Bill Reed now Big Ten Commissioner, who has some suggestions for amending S. 3817 relative to professional football.

If the legislation should be considered by the Committee on the Judiciary, I will appreciate having you give such consideration to the amendments suggested by Bill Reed as you think they deserve.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

GRF:mr

Encl.





INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS

September 26, 1966

SHERATON-CHICAGO HOTEL
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60611
AREA CODE 312
TELEPHONE 644-0906

WILLIAM R. REED
COMMISSIONER

Hon. Gerald Ford, M.C.
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jerry:

Tom Hamilton's letter to you of September 21 reminds me of my intention to write you on the same subject.

It is my impression that the professional football interests are subjecting the Congress to a real blitz on behalf of legislation to remove anti-trust bars to their planned merger. Although, as Tom indicates, the colleges are in general apprehensive of professional sports' inroads upon the interscholastic and intercollegiate program through their television and player draft practices, the essence of S.3817 and its House counterparts including yours is not objectionable to the colleges. Indeed, we would have to concede that regulatization of signing practices which can be expected from consolidation of the professional football leagues would relieve us of one of our most disruptive experiences of recent years.

At the same time we are concerned that it is being represented these measures at least tacitly bear the endorsement of the schools and colleges. This is not the case because we believe strongly that any grants of statutory privilege to professional sports should be accompanied by an accounting of their responsibility to avoid practices detrimental to school and college athletics.

It is true that the current bills extend to high schools the same form of television protection accorded colleges under the 1961 Act which authorized professional sports clubs to "package" their TV programs. This, however, merely corrects what was in effect a legislative oversight in the 1961 Act. It does not go to the core of our concern.

We are concerned by the practices of professional football teams in scheduling, independently of the league packages, Friday night and Saturday telecasts which can do exactly the same damage to concurrent high school and college games as "package" telecasts. We foresee the merger of the football leagues as introducing new pressures to schedule and televise on these days to avoid conflicts among themselves.



Hon. Gerald Ford
September 26, 1966

For this reason we have sought to extend the 1961 Act to provide protection both from the "package" telecasts and from independently arranged telecasts on the part of those who otherwise are privileged under the 1961 Act. It is our argument that any legislation which extends the privileges of anti-trust exemption to professional sports is an appropriate vehicle for statutory restraint upon those so privileged, if their practices are or may be seriously deleterious to the school-college program.

I believe the high schools have a further concern, that the dates in the 1961 Act (from the second Friday in September) do not effectively cover their playing season. In many parts of the country this season begins before September 1 and is accordingly affected by the telecasts of the exhibition games of professional football which are in the main if not exclusively not a part of league "packages".

To sum up, we do not oppose S.3817 or its counterparts in their purposes. We do think these measures should be amended to give the schools and colleges protection where it is due, and should not be enacted without such amendment. And we most certainly do not want the Congress to consider these measures in a belief that in their present form they adequately provide attention to and protection for vital interests of the schools and colleges.

I am enclosing the text of an amendment to S.3817 which was proposed on behalf of the colleges (the language fits in the second line of the proposed new Section 3 in the HR counterparts). I hope you can support its incorporation in S.3817 and its counterparts if and when these measures are considered by the House Judiciary Committee or one is brought to the floor.

I join Tom in recording sincere appreciation of your attention to the role of sports as a vital element of the nation's welfare, as well as for your outstanding leadership in the Congress.

With best wishes,

Yours cordially,



William R. Reed

WRR/h
cc: Mr. Thomas J. Hamilton
enc.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO S.3817

On page 2, line 22, delete the words "which permits" and substitute therefor the words "if such agreement permits, or if any party to such agreement shall arrange or permit during the term thereof"



COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
House of Representatives, U.S.
Washington, D.C.

September 29, 1966

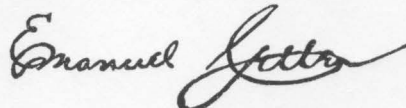
Honorable Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

H. R. 17675

Dear Colleague:

I am pleased to advise you that the above bill, which you introduced, has been referred to subcommittee, as indicated on the enclosed copy.

Sincerely yours,



Emanuel Celler
Chairman

Enc.

EC:dm



Date - 9-28-66 Counsel assigned -
Respectfully referred to Subcommittee No,

Mr. Harkin
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Committee on the Judiciary

Bess E. Dick

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 5 institutions of higher learning, both of which confer
 6 degrees upon students following completion of sufficient
 7 credit hours to equal a four-year course, or

8 “(2) in the case of an interscholastic football con-
 9 test, such contest is between secondary schools, both
 10 of which are accredited or certified under the laws of
 11 the State or States in which they are situated and offer
 12 courses continuing through the twelfth grade of the
 13 standard school curriculum, or the equivalent, and

14 “(3) such intercollegiate or interscholastic foot-
 15 ball contest and such game site were announced through
 16 publication in a daily newspaper of general circulation
 17 prior to March 1 of such year as being regularly sched-
 18 uled for such day and place.”

H. R. 15612

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To amend the Act of September 30, 1961 (75 Stat. 732).

By Mr. GERALD R. FORD

SEPTEMBER 13, 1966

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

1 within seventy-five miles of the game site of any intercol-
2 legiate or interscholastic football contest scheduled to be
3 played on such a date if—
4 (1) such intercollegiate football contest is between
5 institutions of higher learning, both of which confer
6 degrees upon students following completion of sufficient
7 academic hours to equal a four-year course, or—
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9 are accredited or certified under the laws of
10 the State in which they are situated and offer
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12 curriculum, or the equivalent, and—
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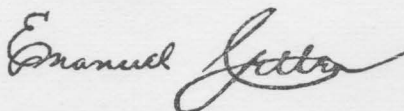
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
House of Representatives, U.S.
Washington, D.C.

September 29, 1966

IN RE: S. 3817 and H.R. 17675
Professional Football Merger

You are hereby invited to testify on the above-
numbered bill. If you wish to appear, please advise
counsel for the Subcommittee. In the event you cannot
appear, you may wish to submit a statement for the
record.

Sincerely yours,



EMANUEL CELLER
Chairman

Date of hearing Thursday, October 13, 1966

Time 10:00 a.m.

Room 2141 Rayburn

Counsel Kenneth R. Harkins

Tel. No. 4853

Sent to: Hon. Gerald R. Ford
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.



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H.R.17675

(VIVIAN, James C.)

football merger

October 5, 1966

Mr. James C. Vivian
30221 Cedar Hollow
Birmingham, Michigan

Dear Mr. Vivian:

Thank you for your telegram of October 5th asking me to support
S.3817 - Football merger.

I agree with you on this legislation, in fact, I introduced a
similar bill in the House.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford. M.C.

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PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT LEGISLATION ALLOWING THE TWO LEAGUES TO BECOME ONE. WE URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THE PRESENT BILL S.3817 NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE MERGER OF THE NATIONAL AND AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUES TO BECOME A REALITY

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"H.R. 17675"

(MARELIA, Peter H.)

football merger

October 5, 1966

Mr. Peter H. Marelia
1638 Minmore
Dearborn Heights, Michigan

Dear Mr. Marelia:

I have received your telegram of October 5th in support
of S.3817 - Football leagues, merger.

I thought you might be interested to know that I have
introduced similar legislation in the House.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Gerald R. Ford. M.C.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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October 5, 1966

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
Suite H-230
U.S. Capitol
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gerry:

Thank you for sending me a copy of Bill Reed's letter to you on the professional sports bill.

As an author of similar legislation and as a member of the Committee you may be assured I will give his views prime consideration. As you know, the Judiciary Committee is scheduled to hear this bill October 13th.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Clark

Clark MacGregor, M.C.



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