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81ST CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3644

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 1949

Mr. CLEMENTE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce

A BILL

To amend section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit the interception of communications, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934 (48
4 Stat. 1103; 47 U. S. C., sec. 605) is hereby amended so
5 that the clause following the first semicolon in the section
6 shall read as follows: "and no person not being authorized
7 by the sender shall intercept any communication or shall
8 divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, pur-
9 port, effect, or meaning of any intercepted communication
10 to any person, except where such interception or such

1 divulgence or publication is performed by a law-enforcement
2 officer in investigations of or cases involving kidnaping or
3 extortion under title 18, United States Code, sections 875-
4 877, 1201-1202, 1583, in investigations of or cases involv-
5 ing an offense punishable by death under the laws of the
6 United States, or in investigations to ascertain, prevent, or
7 frustrate any interference or any attempts or plans for
8 interference with the national security and defense by
9 treason, sabotage, espionage, seditious conspiracy, violations
10 of neutrality laws, violations of the Act requiring registration
11 of agents of foreign principals (Act of June 8, 1938, 52
12 Stat. 631, as amended), violations of the Act requiring the
13 registration of organizations carrying on certain activities
14 within the United States (Act of October 17, 1940, 54
15 Stat. 1201), or by any other means;”.

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