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L.D. 1166

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 913, L.D. 1166,
Bill, "AN ACT Concerning Special Telecommunications
Equipment for the Deaf, Hearing Impaired and Speech
Impaired."

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Amend the bill in section 2 in that part design-
ated "§2361.", subsection 3 by striking out all of
subsection 3 and inserting in its place the follow-
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'3. Telecommunications equipment fund. For cal-
endar years 1983 through and including 1988, each
telephone company, authorized to do business in this
State which provides service by means of a wire or
cable between the customers premise and a central
office exchange shall pay into a special Telecommuni-
cations Equipment Fund an assessment based on its
intrastate gross operating revenues to produce no
more than \$40,000 in revenue annually. The commis-
sion shall determine the assessments annually prior
to May 1st and shall assess each company for its pro-
rata share. Each company shall pay its assessment on
or before December 31st each year. The assessments
charged under this section shall be deemed just and
reasonable operating costs for rate-making purposes.
For purposes of this section, intrastate gross oper-
ating revenues means intrastate revenues derived from
filed rates. The fund may be used for purchase,
lease, upgrading, installation, maintenance and
repair of special telecommunications equipment for
the deaf, hearing impaired or speech impaired. The
Office of Deafness under the Bureau of Rehabilitation
may draw on the fund in accordance with the Telecom-
munications Equipment Plan required under subsection
4. The commission shall include a progress report on

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1 this program in its annual report under Title 35,
2 section 17, subsection 2.'

3 Further amend the bill by striking out all of
4 section 3 and inserting in its place the following:

5 'Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are
6 allocated from the Telecommunications Equipment Fund
7 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

8		1983-84	1984-85
9	Bureau of Rehabilitation		
10	OFFICE OF DEAFNESS	\$40,000	40,000'

11 STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This amendment removes the General Fund appro-
13 priation from the bill.

14 It creates a dedicated revenue fund from which
15 moneys can be taken by the Office of Deafness to pro-
16 vide, upgrade and service special telecommunications
17 equipment used by deaf, hearing impaired, and speech
18 imparied persons. The fund, \$40,000 per year for
19 1983 through 1988 will be supported by an assessment
20 on the telephone companies. The fiscal impact of
21 this bill is to a dedicated revenue fund.

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