

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1542**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PICKERING**  
**(voice and data)**

At the end of the bill add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The amendments to the Commu-  
3 nications Act of 1934 made by sections 4 and 6 of this  
4 Act shall only take effect with respect to each incumbent  
5 local exchange carrier (including each Regional Bell Oper-  
6 ating Company) in a State after the Commission deter-  
7 mines, after notice and opportunity for public comment,  
8 that such incumbent local exchange carrier has met the  
9 certification requirements set forth in subsection (b) of  
10 this section. The Commission shall complete any pro-  
11 ceeding to make a determination under this section within  
12 90 days of a request being made by an incumbent local  
13 exchange carrier, and shall approve or deny such request  
14 with an explanation in writing.

15 (b) CERTIFICATION.—Each incumbent local exchange  
16 carrier shall obtain an outside, independent certification  
17 that such carrier can separate voice traffic from data traf-  
18 fic carried over its network and that it is capable of block-  
19 ing interLATA voice traffic.

