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September 10, 1984

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- WHEREAS: The National Cable Television Association with which the National League of Cities and the U.S. Conference of Mayors painstakingly negotiated a compromise version of H.R. 4103, has now withdrawn from its agreement and threatens to oppose this bill; and
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Order # 3

S-541

C.D. Sullivan re: resolutions urging Congress
to enact H.R. 410~~3~~ as amended Re: federal
cable television legislation.

In City Council,

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Order w/ drawn
By CD Sullivan
Add his name
as sponsor to
order #1