

I believe fears of the Amateur Radio Service being degraded to the level of the Citizens Band Radio Service (by the elimination of the code requirement) to be totally unfounded. The (relatively) high cost of modern (ham) equipment, the required study and complexities of operating the equipment will be adequate to keep "undesirables" out of the service.

Morse Code, a totally antiquated communications medium, has unduly stifled the service. Under guise of making new operators "really pay their dues" (by learning an old, overly - romanticized, and cumbersome communications medium, the service has kept good people away from the HF bands.