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The limit of 300 symbols per second is an antiquated throw-back from the days of the BELL 103 standard, the even the phone companies have long since abandoned.

It prevents experimenting with new technologies, by LICENSED AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, that can help push the radio art to new levels.

It also hampers the efforts fo AMATEUR RAIDO to better serve when 'ALL-SLES-FAILS'.

In the U.S.Senate report on hurricane KATRINA, titled: "a failure to act", in the communications section, the criticism of the commercial services went on for pages and pages of blame on a service-by-service basis.

BUT, buried deep in the middle of it, wedged next to a picture is the ONLY mention of AMATEUR RADIO, which is [2] two paragraphs, the first of which says that "...THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE IS THE ONLY SERVICE THAT FAR EXCEEDED IT'S EXPECTATION...", and the second of which quotes the Mayor of Biloxi, Mississippi as saying that without the communications provided by AMATEUR RADIO, He would have had "TOTAL CHAOS".

There are already technologies that are out there, such as PACTOR-IV, that make far more efficient use of the spectrum, but We, as U.S. AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, can not use because of an outdated regulation.

We are always there when disaster strikes. Let us have the tools that will make us more efficient when "ALL-ELSE-FAILS"!..

Remove the 300 symbol limitation.

Respectfully submitted,
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