

Congressman Pence, together with Congressman Greg Walden, authored [this op-ed](#) that's running on Human Events' website today regarding the Fairness Doctrine.

Excerpt:

Make no mistake: a return of the Fairness Doctrine would end talk radio as we know it, for religious broadcasters, the right, the left, and everywhere in between. And that's just what the left wants.

Democratic leaders have not been shy about their desire to stifle free speech on the airwaves. Senate Majority Whip Dick Durbin, Senators John Kerry and Barbara Boxer, and House Rules Committee Chairwoman Louise Slaughter, to name a few, are all interested in seeing the Fairness Doctrine revived.

But now that Speaker Pelosi -- the third most powerful figure in American government -- has indicated her support, our effort to pass the [Broadcaster Freedom Act](#) (H.R. 2905) has become that much more urgent.

The Broadcaster Freedom Act, which we introduced last summer, would permanently repeal the Fairness Doctrine by taking away the FCC's power to reinstate the rule. We're not too concerned about the current FCC, but who knows what the prerogative of the future FCC (appointed by the next President) will be.