Francis Wick: There's still a lot of work to do

News industry is finding support for H.R. 7640, but your help is needed to make this a reality

In this E&P podcast, Publisher Mike Blinder talks with Francis Wick, CEO of Wick Communications. Wick is the "brainchild" behind H.R. 7640, which was introduced in Congress July 16 by Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-Arizona) and Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-Washington).

Wick said the Congressional leaders he has talked with "want to help and they realize that — without local journalism — they are going to be challenged in how they serve their local districts." While they support the idea, Wick said the news industry has a lot of work to do.

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Congressional hearing to examine the dominance of Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google

The House Judiciary Antitrust Subcommittee will question the CEOs of the Big Tech platforms on Wednesday, July 29, about their dominance of the digital marketplace.

View the livestream hearing beginning at Noon EDT, here.

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U.S. Supreme Court laid down this term. During this webinar, attorneys from Seyfarth will explain the impact they may have on how you manage your newspaper and its workforce.

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Bill Parsons to retire; Josie Chapman to be general manager in Porterville

Bill Parsons, publisher of the Porterville (California) Recorder, has announced plans to retire. His last day with the Recorder will be in August.

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The Washington Post names Krissah Thompson managing editor for diversity and inclusion

The Washington Post's new managing editor for diversity and inclusion will be in charge of the paper's coverage of race, ethnicity and identity, as well as improved recruitment, retention and career advancement for journalists of color.

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The agreement filed by McClatchy with the US. Bankruptcy Court outlines that the entirety of the 30 McClatchy news organizations will move seamlessly to the new ownership structure. All employees will be offered their current job with new McClatchy, with equivalent compensation, benefits and full credit for service years.

As part of the transition, Chairman Kevin McClatchy, President and CEO Craig Forman and fellow board directors announced plans to depart from the company when the transaction closes by the end of the third quarter.

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