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WASHINGTON, D.C. July 10 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission requesting the FCC compel the National Broadcasting Company to provide free time to those opposing the "End the War Amendment" to present their views.

In a statement on the Senate floor explaining his action, Dole said:

On July 7, I sent a telegram to the President of the National Broadcasting Company, Mr. Julian Goodman, requesting equal time to respond to a May 12 NBC broadcast sponsored by the "Amendment to End the War Committee." I felt then, as I do now, that NBC had not broadcast contrasting views on the issue of the "End the War Amendment" as required by the "Fairness Doctrine." The next day, on July 8, Corydon B. Dunham, an NBC vice president, rejected my request for a special program to counter the May 12 broadcast on NBC-TV.

On July 9, I renewed my request with NBC for broadcast time in order that the public would be presented contrasting news specifically on the "End the War Amendment." I pointed out in that telegram that the coverage NBC cited as presenting both sides of the issue did not deal in any way directly with the "End the War Amendment."

Disregarding this point, NBC again rejected the request in a telegram from Mr. Goodman who could only point to an hour-long broadcast on the issue of Cambodia in general which was televised last night.

Since the National Broadcasting Company has not recognized the importance and necessity of presenting both sides of the specific issue involved in the "Amendment to End the War" debate, I have today filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission requesting them to compel NBC to provide free time to present the viewpoints of those who oppose the so-called "End the War Amendment."