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DOLE PROPOSES HELP FOR SMALL RADIO BROADCASTERS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today announced that he will offer an amendment to aid the small radio broadcasters and their rural listeners who would be adversely affected by the emergency, year-round Daylight Savings Time bill.

Describing the problem, Dole said, "small radio stations which broadcast only during daylight hours would be kept off the air some months until nearly 9:00 A.M. with winter daylight time."

"The early morning hours are the most important times for many of their listeners to get news of weather forecasts, school closings, stock warnings, and other important matters. These people get up early and need to have the up-to-the-minute information that only their local radio stations can provide. Lives, businesses and the safety of children and others can depend on this news.

"If the energy emergency makes winter daylight time necessary, it should not have the side effect of limiting the quality or quantity of radio broadcast information in rural America."

The emergency Daylight Savings bill is being considered in the Senate Commerce Committee today and is expected to reach the Senate floor in the near future.

"I have not determined how I will vote on the emergency Daylight Savings bill,"

Dole said, but regardless of my final position on the bill, I will offer this

ammendment to deal with a serious potential problem for rural areas of Kansas and

other states."