

# News from Senator

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DOLE URGES FCC TO MAKE KTTL DECISION--  
"CITIZENS OWED SPEEDY RESOLUTION"

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today urged the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to make a decision on a Dodge City radio station's license renewal application. The KTTL-FM matter has been pending before the Commission for more than thirteen months. Senator Dole made the request in a letter to FCC Chairman Mark Fowler.

"Increasingly I have heard from Kansans who are concerned over the FCC's failure to render a decision on KTTL. It just seems to me that with charges of anti-Semitism, racism and terroristic threats hanging over the radio station's renewal application, the citizens of Kansas are owed a speedy resolution of this broadcasting problem. More than a year ago competing license applications and petitions to deny renewal of the KTTL license were filed alleging serious charges and violations of federal and state law. The time has come to make a decision and put this issue behind us," said Dole. "I have asked Chairman Fowler to explain the reasons for the delay and more importantly to resolve this matter as quickly as possible."

Following is the text of Senator Dole's letter to FCC Chairman Mark Fowler:

Dear Chairman Fowler:

I have written in the past regarding my concern with the programming on Radio Station KTTL in Dodge City, Kansas. I am writing at this time to express my concern that this matter has not been resolved and to seek clarification of the reason for the delay.

As of May 2, 1983, petitions to deny renewal of the KTTL license and competing applications had been filed. Subsequently, numerous informal objections to renewal of KTTL's license were filed. As you know, these petitions raised serious issues and major charges against KTTL which as yet remain unresolved.

It is my understanding that the Commission was scheduled to consider this matter at its April 11, 1984 open meeting, but the matter was withdrawn from the agenda without explanation. Over thirteen months have passed since the filing of petitions. The failure of the Commission to take action on this matter in that time is troubling. Members of the local community and the parties in interest deserve to have this matter resolved.

As you might imagine, the controversy surrounding KTTL is a major concern in my state. The lack of a timely decision has led to increased concern. I certainly appreciate the busy schedule the Commission has faced during the past year and understand that this matter raises difficult and controversial issues. Nevertheless, I believe it should be resolved and encourage the Commission to reach a decision as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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United States Senate