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WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 10-- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) cosponsored a bill designed to ease the unnecessary anxiety experienced by responsible broadcasters at license renewal time.

Dole said, "If a broadcaster abides by the rules of the FCC and has acted in the public's interests, he should not have his license 'put up for grabs' when it is time for renewal.

"If he has not done the things required of him," said Dole, "then the Federal Communications Commission should take appropriate action, and in the event the license is revoked, then is when it should be made available to new applicants."

The Senator emphasized the bill was not meant to provide a broadcaster with a "perpetual" license. He said a broadcaster must file an application for renewal at the expiration of his license which must be at least once every three years, and the broadcaster must be able to prove to the Commission that continuing his license will best serve the public interests.

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