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WASHINGTON, D.C. April 3 -- U.S. Senator Bob Dole (R-Kans.) today cosponsored a bill which would transfer the trial of unfair labor practice cases from the National Labor Relations Board to federal district courts.

The bill would abolish the offices of General Counsel of the Board and examiners. It would give complainants the alternative right to present their own cases before the courts or to have such cases presented for them by a U.S. attorney.

The NLRB would continue as an administrative agency handling labor representation cases, including the conduct of representations elections.

"Congress delegated powers to the NLRB to make effective a clearly-stated labor policy," Dole said. "The Board has exercised these powers, but ignored congressional policy. It has proceeded on a self-directed course which favors a policy of enforced unionization.

"The Board has failed to carry out its mandate with objectivity and fairness. I believe it is time to re-establish the jurisdiction of the courts in the area of unfair labor practices."