



# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE SCORES FCC ACTION ON DAYLIGHT BROADCASTERS

Chanute -- Senator Bob Dole today complained to the Federal Communications Commission that the FCC had not met fully the requirements of a new law designed to ensure that local daytime radio stations be permitted adequate power to effectively broadcast early morning programming during winter daylight savings time. Dole said that many stations are able to broadcast in the early morning only with very low power, making it impossible for some Kansas listeners to hear any local news until sunrise, when these stations can go to full power.

The following is the text of a telegram Dole sent to FCC Chairman Dean Burch:

"The recent enactment of Federal law instituting year-round Daylight Savings Time in the interests of conserving energy, as you know, authorized the Federal Communications Commission to make adjustments 'with respect to hours of operation of daytime standard amplitude modulation broadcast stations, as may be consistent with the public interest, including the public's interest in receiving interference free service.' I was a sponsor of the Senate amendment which added this provision and was closely involved in Floor debate on the matter.

"It has come to my attention that the FCC has thus far taken only minimal action to comply with this provision of the law. By its general ruling permitting only very minor pre-dawn wattage output increases by affected stations, the FCC has not complied with the full intent of Congressional action. I have been traveling widely throughout Kansas during the past week, since the new Daylight Savings Time law went into effect and have, in many areas, found it nearly impossible to receive any Kansas stations during early morning hours. This inability to receive broadcasts from local stations near where I was traveling was most marked and very disturbing.

"It is obvious that the 'public's interest in receiving interference-free service' cannot be served under circumstances which render it practically impossible to receive any local service at all. I therefore urge the Commission to act promptly to authorize the necessary wattage output increases for effective local service and thereby to fulfill the intent of Congress.

"Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter."