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# NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE BILL TO REPEAL WINTER DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today introduced a bill terminate the Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act of 1973. Explaining the bill on the floor of the Senate, Dole said, "This bill would end winter daylight time on the first Sunday after its enactment and restore the Nation to the position it was in before the law was passed. We will still have daylight saving time during the summer when adequate evidence exists that it does in fact save significant amounts of energy."

Dole said he had voted against winter daylight saving time, "not because I am against programs to conserve energy, but because it just did not seem that a convincing case had been made for the law's effectiveness." Dole said the original bill had "passed with only brief hearings and little in-depth study. There was no solid, factual evidence presented that having school children, their parents and most of the working world groping around for an extra hour in winter morning darkness would do anything to save energy."

"A preliminary check with the Kansas City Power and Light revealed little early evidence that Winter Daylight Saving Time had had any appreciable effect. But unfortunately the law's effects are tragic in terms of injuries and deaths -- particularly of school children."

Dole said his bill would put an end to Winter Daylight Time, "one of the most pointless, inconvenient and hazardous exercises in ignorant futility ever inflicted on America by the Congress."

Cosponsors of the bill are Senators Mike Mansfield, Marlow Cook, Carl Curtis, Herman Talmadge, Dewey Bartlett, Jesse Helms, George McGovern.