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DOLE SUPPORTS LONGER BROADCAST LICENSE TERMS

WASHINGTON, D.C.--"Regular and orderly renewal standards combined with longer license terms and further refinements in the Communications Act would be of benefit to all concerned, including broadcasters, new applicants, the FCC and -- ultimately -- the public at large," Senator Bob Dole said in testimony submitted to the Commerce Committee for consideration during their hearings on the Broadcast License Renewal Act.

Dole said he specifically supported "the provisions of the House bill providing for license renewals of up to five years. I feel this extension of the permissible license term will prove to be beneficial to broadcasters by enabling them to engage in more extended planning, budgeting and development. And these factors will in turn result in higher quality service to the audiences and communities served by the broadcasting industry," Dole added.

Dole also stated that renewal procedures are "vague and uncertain," and he urged that a stable license renewal process be established to eliminate the doubt and disparity that now exist.