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DOLE MEASURE WOULD EXEMPT LICENSING FROM ACA

WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today said he has introduced legislation to exempt Federal Communications Commission license renewal proceedings from a proposed independent agency for consumer advocacy.

"The increasing frequency of license challenges by citizens groups and others has greatly increased the costs of successfully getting a television or radio station license renewed," said Dole, who has supported extending the licensing period to 5 years. "Some stations are spending literally hundreds of thousands of dollars every three years to maintain their licenses. My amendment would assure that a federally funded agency could not interject itself into these renewal proceedings, thus further increasing the already confused license renewal process."

Dole offered the amendment to S. 200, a bill to establish an independent agency for consumer advocacy, which was recently reported to the Senate by the Government Operations Committee.

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