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Radio station controversy

FCC delays license fight discussion

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission Wednesday abruptly postponed discussion of a controversial license renewal fight involving a Dodge City, Kan., FM radio station that broadcast calls to violence and racial slurs.

Although FCC top officials would only say the nearly year-old issue was withdrawn without comment from a lengthy agenda, a press aide said more work was needed before the commissioners finally discuss one of the most controversial

FM license renewal requests in recent memory.

"Some of the commissioners apparently felt the item wasn't fleshed out enough," said Sally Lawrence, an FCC spokeswoman. "More work is needed by the staff. They just pulled it this morning."

There were indications the abrupt withdrawal stemmed from internal FCC dissension over several of the issues, including First Amendment questions, raised by opponents to the renewal of the FM license held by Charles and Nellie Babbs as Cattle County Broad-

casting Inc.

The 100,000-watt country music station heard in southwestern Kansas and eastern Colorado gained national attention with its now-ended broadcasts containing slurs and calls to violence by a paramilitary group of tax protesters called Posse Comitatus.

Lawrence said she did not know if the item would be on the agenda of the FCC's next regular meeting April 24 but one official said it probably would not be considered until May — a year after the first for-

mal objection to the license renewal was filed.

"The commission will make a decision on whether the issues raised by the petitioners regarding the qualifications of the licensee of KTTL warrant designation for hearing, some lesser sanction or no hearing at all," said FCC spokesman Rod Porter.

Community Service Broadcasting Inc., a group of 14 Dodge City citizens who incorporated to try to take over the station's license, said KTTL broadcast 264 hours of "the vile

racism and violent calls of the Posse Comitatus."

The broadcasts targeted Jews, blacks, Asians, Hispanics, Catholics and government officials. Excerpts contain messages as "Jews are the children of the devil" and "nigger long swinging from the bongo-bongo land."

Van Smith, a Garden Grove, Kan., attorney, said he signed a contract to buy the station for \$350,000 once license problems are resolved.

New Orleans votes on gay discrimination

United Press International
NEW ORLEANS — Despite op-

position from church leaders, supporters of an ordinance banning discrimination against homosexuals are confident the city Thursday will become one of the first in the Deep South to pass such a law.

The proposed ordinance would outlaw discrimination in

housing, employment and use of such public facilities as motels, restaurants and theaters, an attorney said Wednesday.

"I don't pretend this is going to eliminate all the problems," said Jim Kellogg, who represents a coalition of gay groups. "It will eliminate the cli-

mate of fear that many people have on their jobs and in housing."

The Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans opposes the ordinance, claiming it would tie the hands of educators, business owners and landlords, and could force the church to hire gays as teachers of "young, impressionable children."

Kellogg predicts passage of the controversial law. He said gays, who he estimates comprise 15 percent of the New Orleans population, would gain some recognition that they are whole human beings if it is approved.

Edgar Homrighausen, pastor of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, said the church would like to reserve the right to hire people as it sees fit.

"The church feels this is a

sin," he said. "It presents a special problem. The church feels that this is something against what the Lord says in Scripture."

More than 50 cities — including San Francisco, Philadelphia and Detroit — have passed similar laws. Lansing, Mich. — has banned discrimination against homosexuals.

Martha Kegel, executive director of the American Liberties Union in Louisiana, said discrimination and denial of discrimination are doing for New Orleans gays.

"Many people are so afraid of being discriminated against they live their lives as if they have a big secret," Kegel said. "It really affects people's health to have to hide such a basic fact of their existence."

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"People who've committed several murders have spent less time in jail than that," he said.

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Estes acquired the contract to sign on the Government gage notes then foreclosed on them after one payment was missed.

"Everyone who lost through the thing kind of deserved it," he said.

Dunn said he has mixed feelings about Estes' recent conviction.

"I don't know that I'm Americans or not that he's come from Washington now," he said. "I have a strong, mixed feeling."

"One feeling is that the should come out. The feeling is, who's it going to hurt and who's it going to hurt?"

"It's not going to help one, especially considering what happened after the Nixon sode, when you see the that it did to our republic's eyes of the world."

"What Nixon did is compared to what Johnson done."

"Johnson's dead, and he be prosecuted or hurt going to hurt our prestige nation if it comes out that mer president was far than Nixon ever was?"

"It's kind of a question which is more important — stature as a nation or the now that the truth can't person involved?"

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