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Fairness Rule Held Chaotic

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Nov. 13 (AP) — Federal Communications Commission Chairman Dean Burch says the FCC's fairness doctrine has reached a state of chaos and the industry isn't helping to find a solution.

"In March, I said the fairness doctrine was headed toward chaos. I am here now to say it has reached a state of chaos," Burch told the National Association of Broadcasters Friday.

Burch said the fairness doctrine asked the broadcasting industry for ideas on how to solve the problem "but we've had very little comment from this industry, and what we've got hasn't been terribly helpful.

"We have got to reexamine the fairness doctrine," he said, "but reasonable rules and regulations aren't going to be easy to draw up."

Burch said the fairness doc-

trine and the FCC's license renewal procedures are "the two major problems facing us in the next year."

The fairness doctrine requires that broadcasters give representation to various sides of an issue.