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"BIG \$2.5 BILLION HIT" FOR WICHITA IN DEFENSE MEASURE:
DOLE LEADS PASSAGE OF APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

WASHINGTON -- KANSAS REPUBLICAN LEADER BOB DOLE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE WICHITA AREA IS NOW IN LINE FOR ALMOST \$1 BILLION WORTH OF KC-135 TANKER WORK AT BOEING AND FOR A BRAND NEW \$1.5 BILLION AIR FORCE PILOT TRAINING PROJECT.

THE TWO KANSAS PROJECTS WERE INCLUDED AT SENATOR DOLE'S INSISTENCE AS PART OF THE HUGE \$299.5 BILLION DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL WHICH HAS NOW PASSED THE SENATE AND IS ON ITS WAY TO THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.

"THESE TWO MILITARY PROJECTS REPRESENT A BIG HIT FOR WICHITA," DOLE SAID. "IT'S \$2.5 BILLION WORTH OF COMMITMENT TO KANSAS JOBS AND TO THE TALENTS AT BOEING AND ONE OF OUR MAJOR AVIATION MANUFACTURERS."

SENATOR DOLE AND HIS SENATE COLLEAGUES REVIVED THE AIR FORCE'S NEW TANKER, TRANSPORT TRAINING SYSTEM (TTTS) AFTER THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES KILLED THE PROGRAM. IT CALLS FOR 211 NEW AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT FOR TRAINING FUTURE MULTI-ENGINE PILOTS AND WILL EVENTUALLY BE WORTH \$1.5 TO THE WINNING CONTRACTOR. THE CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED IN THE SPRING OF 1989 AND IS LIKELY TO GO TO EITHER CESSNA, LEAR OR BEECH MANUFACTURING.

"ADDITIONALLY, SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROGRAMS FOR BOEING MILITARY AIRPLANES RECEIVED CONTINUED FUNDING. TWO RE-ENGINEING PROGRAMS FOR KC-135 TANKER AIRCRAFT WERE FUNDED AT A TOTAL OF \$935 MILLION. THESE PROGRAMS PRESENTLY SUPPORT MORE THAN 1,000 BOEING JOBS AND ROUGHLY \$240 MILLION OF THE TOTAL PACKAGE WILL DIRECTLY IMPACT THOSE EMPLOYEES.

"THIS RE-ENGINEING PROGRAM IS A PROVEN WINNER," DOLE SAID. "THE AIR FORCE AND OUR COMBAT FORCES WORLDWIDE WILL BENEFIT SIGNIFICANTLY FROM THE INCREASED AERIAL REFUELING CAPABILITY. PASSAGE OF THIS BILL HELPS ENSURE THAT KANSANS WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN OUR NATION'S SECURITY."

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