

News from Senator

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**DOLE WELCOMES "JAYHAWK" TRAINER TO KANSAS;  
BEECH WINS HISTORIC \$1 BILLION CONTRACT  
AS AIR FORCE MAKES "PERFECT 3-POINT LANDING IN WICHITA"**

WASHINGTON -- KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE HAILED THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY THAT THE BEECH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION HAS WON THE COVETED \$1 BILLION AIR FORCE CONTRACT TO BUILD UP TO 211 NEW MILITARY JET TRAINERS. DOLE SAYS THE AIR FORCE WANTS TO CALL THE NEW AIRCRAFT THE "JAYHAWK". THE OVERALL ORDER REPRESENTS THE LARGEST IN BUSINESS JET HISTORY.

"THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE JUST STOPPED AT WICHITA. FOR THE AIR FORCE, IT'S A PERFECT 3-POINT LANDING -- GREAT PLANES, GREAT WORKERS AND A GREAT CITY," DOLE SAID.

SENATORS DOLE AND KASSEBAUM HAVE BEEN THE LEADING PROPONENTS OF THE TRAINER AND DEFEATED CONTINUED EFFORTS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ZERO-OUT THE NEW TRAINER PROGRAM.

"THE 'JAYHAWK' WILL CONTINUE OUR STATE'S PROUD LEADERSHIP ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF AVIATION. TWO GENERATIONS OF AIR FORCE PILOTS HAVE LEARNED THE BASICS IN THE COCKPITS OF THE KANSAS-BUILT T-37," DOLE SAID. "NOW THE 'JAYHAWK' WILL FLY FLEDGLING TANKER AND TRANSPORT PILOTS INTO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY."

"I AM STILL PUZZLED WHY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRIED TO KILL THIS COST-EFFECTIVE, COMMONSENSE PROGRAM. IT'S THE SMART WAY FOR THE PENTAGON TO DO BUSINESS. BY TAKING OFF-THE-SHELF AIRCRAFT, MAKING LOW COST MODIFICATIONS AND ADDING STATE-OF-THE-ART TRAINING AND SIMULATION SYSTEMS, THE AIR FORCE -- AND BEST OF ALL, THE TAXPAYER -- GETS REAL VALUE FOR THEIR DOLLARS."

"THE HISTORY-MAKING CONTRACT SAYS PLENTY ABOUT THE KIND OF TALENT WE HAVE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. IT WAS TOUGH COMPETITION AND THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT ANY OF OUR THREE COMPETING WICHITA MANUFACTURERS COULD HAVE DONE THE JOB. THE BOTTOMLINE IS, KANSAS IS THE WINNER," DOLE SAID.

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