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**DEFENSE FUNDING BILL GETS FINAL CONGRESSIONAL
APPROVAL; INCLUDES DOLE PRIORITIES FOR
PARSONS AMMUNITION PLANT**

WASHINGTON - Major defense projects backed by Kansas Senator Bob Dole for Parsons' Kansas Army Ammunition Plant won final Congressional approval today. During passage of the FY1993 Department of Defense Appropriations bill, the Congress agreed to fund the production of CBU-87 cluster bombs, production of the Sensor Fuzed Weapon, and an initiative for the conversion of Army ammunition plants to commercial/civilian use. The measure now goes to the President for his signature.

Dole's requests included in the funding measure are:

CLUSTER BOMBS - \$60 MILLION SENSOR FUZED WEAPON - \$18 MILLION

Congress okayed Dole's request to include \$60 million to fund continued production of Combined Effects Munitions (CEM) and \$18 million for the production of the Sensor Fuzed Weapon at the Army Ammunition Plant in Parsons.

"I'm pleased that the Congress shares my view that the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant should remain an important part of our military readiness. The final approval for the production of cluster bombs and the Sensor Fuzed Weapon at the Parsons plant says alot about the great quality and dependability coming from the good workers in Parsons," said Dole.

CONVERSION INITIATIVE - \$200 MILLION

Congress also okayed \$200 million in grants and loan guarantees to fund an initiative for the conversion of the ammunition plant towards increased commercial/civilian use.

"As the defense budget begins to shrink, it is important that we make use of the excellent defense industry production that has come out of Parsons for many years. The Parsons plant is a significant player in the area's economy and it is a top priority of mine to help maintain its role in the area's economy, be it in a military or commerical/civilian capacity," said Dole.

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