

Bob Dole



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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR DEFENSE AIRCRAFT PROJECTS
WINS FINAL SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the U.S. Senate approved his request for several defense projects vital to Wichita aviation manufacturers. The projects were included in the 1995 Defense Appropriations Bill, which now heads to the President's desk to be signed into law.

"In an era of military down-sizing, I am pleased that Congress has agreed with me that continued modernization of military equipment and training procedures is vital," Dole said. "These projects will help to ensure that our forces are the best-equipped and best-prepared in the world," stated Dole.

32 TANKER-TRANSPORT TRAINER AIRCRAFT - \$155.2 MILLION

The legislation also included \$155.2 million for the procurement of 32 tanker-transport trainer aircraft. The T1-A Jayhawk is manufactured in Wichita by the Raytheon aircraft company.

"These trainer aircraft will help ensure that pilots receive the best training available. As we continue to downsize our forces, we must ensure that they remain the best trained and equipped force in the world," stated Dole.

JOINT PRIMARY AIRCRAFT TRAINING SYSTEM (JPATS) - \$93.2 MILLION

The defense funding bill contained \$93.2 million for the Joint Primary Aircraft Training System (JPATS). Raytheon aircraft company and Cessna are competing for this \$5 billion program which will result in the next generation of primary pilot training aircraft for the Armed Forces. At the request of Senator Dole, the bill also includes a provision to ensure that funds allocated in FY 1994 and FY 1995 for this critical modernization program will not be spent on other programs.

"I have long been a staunch supporter of the JPATS program. Both the Air Force and the Navy need a new generation of trainers. No doubt about it, Kansas aviation tops the list the list in this competition," stated Dole.

ARMY GUARDRAIL TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - \$39.2 MILLION

The legislation also included \$39.2 million for the Army's Guardrail Tactical intelligence program. Aircraft for the Guardrail is produced by Raytheon aircraft company.

"Real-time tactical intelligence is essential to our men and women in the field. Guardrail, one of the Army's principal airborne tactical intelligence systems, fulfills a critical need for the tactical commander," said Dole.

C-XX AIRCRAFT - \$11 MILLION

The bill included \$11 million in for an Army modernization program to procure new production medium range aircraft for the U.S. Army's utility aircraft program.

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"The ~~C-XX~~ program approved today will meet the Army Aviation Modernization program's need for small medium range aircraft to provide rapid transportation of critical parts and equipment more efficiently. Kansas aviation companies are second to none in this competition," said Dole.

B-1B BOMBER - \$139.2 MILLION

The bill provides \$139.2 million for research, development and modifications of the B-1B bomber.

"The B-1 is one of the mainstays of our long-range bomber fleet. These funds are essential for the modernization of the B-1, ensuring that our forces are prepared for any future conflict. In my view, the 384th Bomb Wing should be equipped with the aircraft available and these modifications will do just that."

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