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PARSONS AMMO PLANT

SENATE GIVES FINAL OK TO DEFENSE SPENDING BILL:
INCLUDES IMPORTANT PARSONS PRODUCTION
& DEFENSE CONVERSION PROJECTS

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced that the U.S. Senate tonight gave final approval to his requests for several projects at the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant in Parsons. Dole's provisions continue funding production of the Sensor Fuzed Weapon in Parsons, add funds for additional Combined Effects Munitions, direct the Air Force to pursue an ammunition demilitarization program that could bring jobs to the Parsons plant, and require a demonstration project that would use idle equipment at the Parsons plant to produce sodium azide, a component of automobile airbags.

The Congress included Senator Dole's requests in the 1994 Defense Appropriations Bill, which now goes to the President for signature.

"I'm pleased that the Congress has agreed to fund these important programs, which mean jobs in the Parsons area. As we continue to downsize our defense forces, it is important to maintain our readiness with a state-of-the-art arsenal. At the same time, we must seek innovative ways to convert existing defense production to commercial use, and that's why the demonstration project to produce sodium azide for automobile airbags is so important," said Dole. "These projects will complement the restructured operations at the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant, under the management of Day & Zimmerman."

The Congress appropriated \$89.5 million to continue production of the Sensor Fuzed Weapon, an air-launched cluster munition, as well as an additional \$70 million for new production of the Combined Effects Munition cluster bomb.

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