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U.S. SENATE PASSES DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL; INCLUDES IMPORTANT PARSONS PROJECT

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the U.S. Senate has approved his request to continue funding production of the Sensor Fuzed Weapon, an important project for the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant in Parsons. The U.S. Senate included the request in the Defense Authorization Bill for the coming fiscal year. The bill now goes to a joint House/Senate conference committee before final passage by both Houses.

"I'm pleased that the Senate has agreed to fund this munitions program. As we continue to downsize our defense forces, it is also important to maintain a ready force equipped with the most modern weapons available. This is a vital project for the Parsons plant, too, providing necessary jobs for many in the area," said Dole.

The Senate authorized \$89.5 million to continue production of this air-launched cluster munition. Senator Dole pledged to continue to work on behalf of a number of projects important to the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant.

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