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SUNFLOWER AMMO PLANT

SENATE GIVES FINAL OK TO DEFENSE SPENDING BILL:
INCLUDES DOLE REQUEST FOR DEFENSE CONVERSION PROJECT
AT SUNFLOWER AMMUNITION PLANT

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced that the U.S. Senate tonight gave final approval to funding for a defense conversion project at the Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant (SAAP). The funding, requested by Senator Dole, is included in the 1994 Department of Defense Appropriations bill, which now goes to the President for his signature.

A key House/Senate conference committee included the \$500,000 requested by Dole for a demonstration project testing the feasibility and cost effectiveness of a process for handling obsolete solid rocket motors and converting the solid propellant removed from the motors into commercial products. The process involves dry machine removal of the propellant and repackaging the granular propellant for resale in the commercial marketplace.

"I am pleased that the Congress supported this important defense conversion initiative. As the defense draw-down impacts towns and communities, we need to find innovative ways to convert defense facilities into commercial businesses. This particular project is a win-win proposal. The Government can maintain an important industrial base while workers at Sunflower can hold on to well paying jobs," said Dole.

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