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SENATE GIVES FINAL APPROVAL TO DOLE REQUEST FOR
RETRAINING PROGRAM: K-STATE INCLUDED IN SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the 1994 Defense Authorization bill approved Wednesday by the Senate includes his request for funding for education retraining to ease the transition for individuals within the Departments of Defense and Energy adversely affected by the continuing downsizing of America's military.

The Senate authorized \$8 million for the coming fiscal year for a program that would allow individuals from the Departments of Defense and Energy to receive scholarships for undergraduate and post-graduate degrees at universities throughout the nation participating in the EPA's Hazardous Substance Research Center Program. Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, serves as the regional coordinator for the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Hazardous Substance Research Center.

"The continuing defense drawdown has forced many of the men and women who serve in the Armed Services to end one career and try to transition into the commercial job market. This scholarship program will allow former members of the Armed Forces to receive training in an area of increasing importance and help them to compete in the private sector," said Dole.

The bill including the retraining initiative now goes to the President for his signature.

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