



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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WASHINGTON, D.C.--Senator Bob Dole today supported a \$5.5 billion reduction in the Department of Defense budget request. The 6.3% reduction in the DOD Appropriation bill is the most recent in a series of bi-partisan Senate anti-inflation efforts initiated several weeks ago by Senator Dole.

Dole said the Defense budget cuts reduce the Appropriation Bill to a bare minimum, without weakening the United States defense position. "As the President recently stated before both Houses of Congress, nothing is more important in this Nation than our National defense," Dole said. "However, there is no need to include excess 'fat' in the budget and that is what we have done--taken out the fat."

Since the Kansas Senator initiated the move to reduce appropriation bills and hold down federal spending, the Senate has passed the Conference Reports or Senate versions of five appropriation bills reflecting a reduction of more than \$1 billion from the budget requests. Dole said today's cut is "nearly five times as much as made on all the other appropriation bills put together. It is more than half of the total reduction being sought in the Federal budget this year."