

News from Senator

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DOLE CONFIDENT ABOUT APPROVAL OF PROGRAM TO BUY KANSAS JETS:
BILL SCHEDULED, D'AMATO GIVES OKAY, LETTERS TO KEY MEMBERS.

Washington, D.C. -- With the Senate scheduled to begin consideration of the Defense Authorization bill on Monday, May 9, Kansas Senator Bob Dole today expressed confidence that a new Air Force program that could mean \$1.5 billion in business for Wichita's aviation industry would be approved.

"We made it over the first hurdle last week when the Senate Armed Services Committee included the Tanker, Transport Trainer System in the 1989 Defense Authorization Bill. While this trainer program is not contained in the bill currently under consideration in the House, I am confident that it will remain intact in the Senate," Dole said.

Noting that one possible obstacle to funding the TTTS program down the road will most likely be avoided, Dole also announced that prior to his departure for Europe on April 29, he received assurances from Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY) that the New York Senator has no plans to oppose funding for the trainer program.

Kansas Senators Dole and Kassebaum intend to send letters to key Appropriation Committee members outlining their support for the program and urging full funding.