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DOLE PROTECTS KC-135 TANKER PROGRAM FROM CUTS;  
RESTORES \$69 MILLION FOR VALUABLE KANSAS PROJECT

WASHINGTON -- KANSAS SENATOR BOB DOLE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HE WON APPROVAL FROM THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO RESTORE \$69 MILLIONS CUT BY THE HOUSE FROM THE KC-135 TANKER AIRCRAFT PROGRAM PERFORMED IN WICHITA.

"THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTED TO CUT THE KC-135R RE-ENGINEING/MODERNIZATION PROGRAM BY OVER \$69 MILLION DOLLARS. I'M PLEASED THAT THE COMMITTEE AGREED WITH ME THAT THE KC-135 IS TOO IMPORTANT, AND WE PUT THE MONEY BACK INTO THE PROGRAM," SAID DOLE.

THE KC-135R RE-ENGINEING PROGRAM MODERNIZES OLDER KC-135 TANKER AIRCRAFT FOR THE U.S. AIR FORCE BY INSTALLING NEW-FUEL EFFICIENT ENGINES AND PERFORMING 34 OTHER MODIFICATIONS THAT WILL EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE AIRCRAFT WELL INTO THE 21ST CENTURY. THE AIR FORCE RECEIVES THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE AND ONE HALF MODERN TANKERS FOR EVERY AIRCRAFT MODIFIED. THE WORK IS PERFORMED AT THE BOEING AIRCRAFT COMPANY IN WICHITA.

"I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE HOUSE WANTED TO CUT THIS EFFICIENT PROGRAM. IT'S FOOLISH TO WHACK AT THIS VITAL STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT WHEN THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO MODERNIZE THEIR STRATEGIC FORCES," SAID DOLE.

THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL NOW HEADS TO THE SENATE FLOOR FOR CONSIDERATION. AFTER SENATE PASSAGE, THE MEASURE HEADS TO A CONFERENCE WITH THE HOUSE AND THEN BACK TO BOTH CHAMBERS FOR FINAL ACTION.