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KEY SENATE COMMITTEE INCLUDES FUNDING FOR M-1 TANK CONVERSION PROGRAM - METAL COMPANY IN ATCHISON PRODUCES CASTINGS

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the Senate Appropriations Committee has supported his funding request of \$130 million for the M-1 to M-1A2 tank conversion program a defense project significant to the Atchison economy. Dole's request to fund the tank work was included in the FY1993 Department of Defense Appropriations bill approved by the committee today. The measure now goes to the full Senate for approval.

"Maintaining modern equipment, even as we reduce the size of our Armed Forces is vital to our future security as we saw in the Persian Gulf. The M1A2 conversion program represents a top priority for the Army," said Dole. "This decision is vital to our defense industrial base, too. Atchison Castings is the only producer of large metal castings for tanks and large vehicles. Support for this modernization program is a support for Atchison jobs," said Dole.

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