

**Bob Dole**

**U. S. SENATOR FOR KANSAS**

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**U.S. SENATE OKAYS FUNDING FOR M-1 TANK CONVERSION  
PROGRAM - ATCHISON METAL COMPANY PRODUCES CASTINGS**

WASHINGTON - Kansas Senator Bob Dole announced today that the United States Senate approved 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 Senate today. The measure now goes to a joint House/Senate conference committee before final passage by both Houses.

"I'm pleased that the Senate agreed with me that this is a very worthwhile project. Maintaining state-of-the-art equipment for the Army, even as we reduce the size of our Armed Forces, is a wise investment," said Dole. "The M-1 tank was a key player in the Persian Gulf War. The conversion program is also a key player in the Atchison economy, too -- and that means keeping America strong, and keeping jobs in Kansas," said Dole.

Atchison Castings is the only producer of large metal castings for tanks and large vehicles.

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