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CONGRESS VOTES TO FUND DEFENSE PROJECTS IN WICHITA, LAWRENCE

Washington, DC -- In adopting the Continuing Resolution, Congress this week has voted to fund several major defense projects in Wichita and Lawrence, according to Sen. Bob Dole.

As a result of Sen. Dole's efforts, \$44 million was authorized for the procurement of aircraft manufactured by Beech and Gates Learjet in Wichita. Dole also played the key role in securing \$2 million for neurotoxin research programs at the University of Kansas at Lawrence.

Also, Sen. Dole said the \$31 million allowance for base modernization at Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant in Lawrence will continue unabated.

The funds for these Kansas defense projects are in addition to the previously approved \$71.3 million for McConnell Air Force and \$5 million for the Air National Guard bases in Wichita.

"These funds represent \$148 million in new defense spending in the Wichita and Lawrence areas, and will contribute greatly to not only the local economies but also our national security," said Sen. Dole. "While every area of the federal budget is scrutinized, it is important that we get the most for our money spent on defense. The faith that Congress has placed in Kansas by directing this funding to our state is a tribute to the quality of people and products we have."

Dole said the U.S. Air National Guard will purchase 12 Beech C-12 aircraft for \$30 million and four Gates-Learjet C-12A aircraft for \$14 million. Both aircraft are built in Wichita. KU's neurotoxin research program, he said, is designed to develop an enhanced detection of toxic substances used in chemical warfare.