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KANSAS DEFENSE PROJECTS WIN BIG BOOST FROM SENATE; \$853.3 MILLION FOR TTTS, KC-135'S, C-12'S, AND T-47'S

WASHINGTON -- Key Kansas defense projects backed by Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas) and totalling \$853.3 million have earned approval from the Senate. The initiatives are included in the \$270 billion FY92 Department of Defense bill approved by the Senate Thursday night.

"The Senate has agreed with me that these Kansas defense projects are winners, for our national security, for the taxpayers and for our great Kansas workforce. No doubt about it, Wichita continues to be a strong player in our nation's aviation and defense industries," said Dole.

Wichita projects approved by the Senate are:

KC-135 - \$650 MILLION - At Senator Dole's request, the Senate okayed \$650 million for continued re-engining and maintenance for 26 of the KC-135 tanker at Boeing's Wichita plant.

"The KC-135 was the aerial backbone of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, giving America the airlift capability to get our forces in place and to keep our fighters in the air," said Dole.

TTTS "JAYHAWK" - \$156 MILLION - With Senator Dole's support, the Senate approved \$156 million to help fund President Bush's request for the Tanker, Transport, Training System, which includes the Kansas-made T-1A "Jayhawk" trainer, built by Beech in Wichita and Salina. The funds will be for 34 additional TTTS's.

T-47'S - \$38 MILLION - At Senator Dole's request, the Senate approved \$38 million to lease 15 T-47's (Cessna) to be used by the National Guard in assisting the U.S. Customs in the war on drugs.

C-12 - \$9.3 MILLION - At Senator Dole's request, the Senate approved \$9.3 million to fund the National Guard's purchase of 3 C-12 airplanes (King Air) manufactured by the Beech Aircraft corporation.

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