Can we break up a large struts.xml file into smaller pieces

Yes, there are two complementary approaches. We can include other `struts.xml`-format files from a bootstrap `struts.xml` file, or we can package a `struts.xml` files in a JAR. Or both.

By Include

See the [`<include>` element documentation](#).

You can use `<include>` elements in your `struts.xml` interchangeably with `<package>` elements. The configuration objects will be loaded in the order of appearance. The framework reads the configuration from top to bottom and adds objects as they are referenced.

By JAR

A "module" can be added to an application by placing a `struts.xml` and related classes into a JAR on the classpath. FreeMarker and Velocity templates can also be provided by JAR, making it possible to distribution a module in a single, self-contained JAR that is automatically configured on startup.