

Capito	Graham	Portman
Cassidy	Grassley	Risch
Coats	Hatch	Roberts
Cochran	Heller	Rounds
Collins	Inhofe	Rubio
Corker	Isakson	Sasse
Cornyn	Johnson	Scott
Cotton	Kirk	Sessions
Crapo	Lankford	Shelby
Cruz	Lee	Sullivan
Daines	Manchin	Thune
Donnelly	McCain	Tillis
Enzi	McConnell	Toomey
Ernst	Moran	Vitter
Fischer	Murkowski	Wicker
Flake	Paul	
Gardner	Perdue	

NAYS—43

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reid
Bennet	Heitkamp	Reid
Blumenthal	Hirono	Sanders
Booker	King	Schatz
Boxer	Klobuchar	Schumer
Brown	Leahy	Shaheen
Cantwell	Markey	Stabenow
Cardin	McCaskill	Tester
Carper	Menendez	Udall
Casey	Merkley	Warner
Coons	Mikulski	Warren
Durbin	Murphy	Whitehouse
Feinstein	Murray	Wyden
Franken	Nelson	
Gillibrand	Peters	

NOT VOTING—2

Hoeven	Kaine
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The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 55, the nays are 43.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, the motion is rejected.

The majority leader.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2016—MOTION TO PROCEED

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 523, S. 2848.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 523, S. 2848, a bill to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES BAIRD

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 60th birthday of James Baird, who is a hard-working businessman, ecclesiastical leader, and friend.

James was born in Las Vegas, NV, and raised in Provo, UT. His father, Joseph Hugh Baird, worked at Brigham Young University, and his mother, Florence Richards, was a piano teacher. As a child, James enjoyed spending

time with his nine siblings and nurturing his horse, Julie.

James grew up with a strong entrepreneurial spirit. He began his career in grade school by mowing lawns and eventually starting his own landscaping company. He graduated from the University of Colorado with a business degree and went on to own and operate multiple start-up companies, each of which made a positive impact on their local communities. James currently serves as the director of operations for Madison Fields, a farm and riding facility for children and adults with autism, where he is regarded as a patient and caring colleague.

In addition to being a successful businessman, James is also devoted to his wife of 38 years, Dr. Melinda Lambert Baird. Dr. Baird is a phenomenal concert pianist and serves as the director of piano programs at Levine Music and the director of education and community outreach at Steinway & Sons. James and Melinda have four children and eleven grandchildren, whom they love dearly.

James's family values come from his membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—LDS. At a young age, James served a mission for the LDS church in Baton Rouge, LA. During that time, James's brother, Mark, was killed in a jeep accident. James decided to remain in Louisiana and continued to serve the people there. Since then, James has remained an involved member of his church and served as a bishop in Rockville, MD. Currently, James is acting as the president of the Washington, DC, Stake. In this position, President Baird lends his service to more than 2,000 church members in the Washington DC, and southern Maryland areas without pay or reimbursement. James's arms are open for anyone in need, and he is devoted to improving the lives of people in Washington, DC. I have had the pleasure of knowing James as one of my church leaders and friends, and I admire and appreciate his service.

James is a man who has inspired countless lives in his local, work, and religious communities. I congratulate him on his many successes, and I wish him the best as he continues to serve the people of Washington, DC.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THREE NEVADA CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Terri Robertson, Helen Mortenson, and Marge Sill, three lifelong conservation activists from Nevada.

Terri Robertson has been a longtime advocate for the protection of southern Nevada's unique outdoor spaces. This fourth-generation Nevadan embarked on her mission to protect Nevada lands over 40 years ago, beginning with her work to protect Red Rock Canyon from encroachment from nearby Las Vegas. Terri was also instrumental in the des-

ignation of Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area. I know of her outsized influence because I led the effort in the Senate to establish Red Rock Canyon and Sloan Canyon National Conservation Areas. Even today, Terri continues to push for additional protections and amenities for Sloan, where she visited ancient petroglyph galleries on family trips as a child. It is because of the work of people like Terri that the Bureau of Land Management recently unveiled a plan to add a visitor center, information kiosks, and paved roads to provide access to the canyon. In May 2016, the BLM and city of Henderson celebrated the opening of the first paved access road to Sloan. Terri has also used her passion and knowledge of Nevada's natural resources to protect other special places in Clark County, including Tule Springs and Gold Butte.

Marge Sill has been a wilderness advocate in Nevada and California for 50 years. After she moved to Reno, she began working to protect wilderness land in northern and central Nevada as urban development began to encroach upon those wild spaces. Marge has been working to protect the stark and stunning vistas of the West for so long that she has earned the nickname "Mother of Wilderness." Marge got her start in the Sierra Club a half century ago. To describe that time, she once remarked that the women of the club did the work, while the men just talked about change. Marge put in the work to create the Lake Tahoe State Park in 1963, and she fought to establish the Great Basin National Park, Nevada's only national park. However, Marge considers her greatest accomplishment to be the passage of the Nevada Wilderness Protection Act of 1989, which designated over 700,000 acres of wilderness in the Silver State. I was pleased to author this legislation, which created several wilderness areas that Nevadans now treasure, including the Mount Charleston, Mount Rose, and the Ruby Mountains Wilderness Areas, among others, and expanded Nevada's first wilderness area, Jarbidge. Marge has always been my most avid supporter, for which I will always be grateful.

Finally, I would like to recognize Helen Mortenson. Together with her late husband, Harry, Helen advocated for the preservation and protection of Nevada's outdoors for decades. A consultant specializing in nuclear, radiological, and environmental issues, Helen fought for years with her husband, Harry, a conservation champion in the Nevada State Assembly, to keep Nevada's environment safe and clean by opposing the Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository. But Helen's greatest work has no doubt been her advocacy for the protection of Tule Springs in northern Las Vegas. Thanks to Helen and Harry's activism, I was able to work with my colleagues in Congress to pass legislation in 2014 that designated the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument. As president

of the Las Vegas Ice Age Park Foundation and an archaeologist herself, Helen used her knowledge to educate her community and local lawmakers about the significance of the Tule Springs site. Because of her, fossil sites of prehistoric mammoths and giant sloths will always remain only a short drive away for residents of the Las Vegas Valley.

These three champions of conservation taught us all about the need to protect and treasure Nevada's wild places. Their passion, advocacy, and community-building facilitated the passage of legislation that will keep the wild Nevada I love intact and accessible for generations. Their work is appreciated, and I wish them continued success for years to come.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I wish to honor the 50th anniversary of the First African Methodist Episcopal—FAME—Church. In September 2016, FAME will formally celebrate over 50 years of commitment to worship and community outreach in the great State of Nevada.

Since 1996, FAME has played an integral role in the success of both north Las Vegas and the State of Nevada. The church works to provide Nevadans with a place to worship and connect with the community. FAME takes pride in ensuring that its members are positive contributors to the communities in which they reside, all while promoting their spiritual development.

Since its inception, the church has also been a strong supporter of outreach ministries that promote and bring awareness to the importance of community service. FAME has helped much-needed resources to the homeless, elderly, and disabled, and it has created educational and career opportunities for young students and high school graduates. These programs not only encourage people to remain civically engaged, but also foster connections between members of the church and communities throughout the State of Nevada.

I applaud Reverend Ralph E. Williamson and his team for their strong leadership of this important organization. It is through their selfless efforts that numerous Nevadans have been positively impacted by FAME. This institution is an invaluable part of the Silver State, and I extend my best wishes for continued success as the church enters its next chapter.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada.

Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada was established in 1921 by Bishop

Thomas K. Gorman to provide social services for Nevadans in need. Bishop Gorman assigned Father Thomas F. Collins as the first director of Catholic Charities, and Father Collins diligently organized programs to combat homelessness and connect families with foster children throughout the Silver State. Bishop Gorman and Father Collins inspired hope through service to southern Nevadans, and we continue to see the same dedication in the organization's current leadership.

With the incredible growth in Nevada, Catholic Charities has expanded to provide aid to senior citizens, refugees, immigrants, girls in crisis, and the homeless population throughout the Las Vegas Valley. Catholic Charities is now one of the largest private nonprofit social service providers in Nevada, offering comprehensive assistance through 20 programs to support the community. I have worked closely with Catholic Charities to forge public-private partnerships to address human trafficking, homelessness, immigration services, and poor nutrition. Today the organization serves as a sanctuary for people in southern Nevada.

Catholic Charities has always made significant and positive contributions to our community. The services provided by Catholic Charities ensure Nevadans have the support they need to live a better life in Nevada. Catholic Charities' work is appreciated and admired, and I wish their continued success.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAMBDA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Lambda Business Association.

The Lambda Business Association was established in Las Vegas in 1991 as a networking club for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer—LGBTQ—businessowners and professionals. Since then, Lambda has grown into a strong nonprofit organization known as the LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce for Southern Nevada and has become a resilient voice for the LGBTQ business community.

For the past 25 years, Lambda has brought together LGBTQ business owners and their allies to build a strong network of public leaders. Lambda's members proudly display the attributes of inclusion, equality, integrity, fairness, and responsibility outlined in Lambda's code of ethics. Lambda also provides important volunteer opportunities to its members to bring positive change to southern Nevada. Through its dedicated work, Lambda has fought for a more inclusive economic environment that promotes the entrepreneurial spirit that helps businesses grow and succeed.

Lambda's work is appreciated and admired. I look forward to the continued work of Lambda to ensure equal rights for LGBTQ businessowners and professionals, and I wish this important orga-

nization success for many years to come.

(At the request of Mr. REID, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. Kaine. Mr. President, for purposes of today's votes, I want to announce that, had I voted on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, I would have voted no on both cloture motions, the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2577, MilCon-Va appropriations, and the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 524, H.R. 5293, DOD appropriations.

This is consistent with how I voted previously on June 28, July 7, and July 14, 2016.●

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CORKER. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. BOB CORKER,
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 16-29, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Qatar for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$124.02 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

J.W. RIXEY,
Vice Admiral, USN, Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-29

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Qatar.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$0.02 million.