

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: None.

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*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Bahrain—Refurbishment of the Oliver Hazard Perry Class Ship, Ex ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49)

The Government of Bahrain has requested refurbishment of the Oliver Hazard Perry Class ship, ex ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49), spares, support, training, publications, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated cost is \$150 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important ally which is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East. This sale is consistent with U.S. initiatives to provide key allies in the region with systems that will enhance interoperability with U.S. forces and increase security.

The proposed sale will refurbish and support the grant transfer of the Oliver Hazard Perry Class ship, ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49), which was authorized for transfer under Public Law 115-232, Section 1020. Bahrain already operates another Oliver Hazard Perry Class ship. Bahrain will have no difficulty absorbing these defense articles and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor supporting the refurbishment has not yet been selected for this potential sale. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Bahrain.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

REMEMBERING TED STEVENS

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to my dear friend and colleague, the former senator from Alaska, Ted Stevens. He was an incomparable and one of kind senator.

With Ted, they broke the mold.

To me, he was my friend, mentor, and a person that comes along your pathway of life who changes everything.

In all my years in the House, I seldom sheathed my sword with appropriators who were always rustling our mandatory and authorized money. Our cause was just, but seldom successful.

It did not take Ted and Danny Inouye long to convince me not only to sheath my sword but give it to them. I had been in the Senate for just a few months when Ted cornered me on the Senate floor, jabbed me in my shoulder and said, "You're coming with me to North Korea. Don't argue with me, Dole says you are Mr. Agriculture. You don't have to say anything, just nod your head."

He was trying to arrange a third-party grain sale to alleviate constant famines in North Korea. He and Danny almost pulled it off.

If you wanted to get things done, it was a good idea to listen to Uncle Ted. His advice: "Get to really know people. Don't pay attention to partisan diatribes, socialize and gain their trust."

By following his advice, it is amazing what you can get done. I still apply those lessons today; it works: 87 votes for a farm bill that the President just signed last year.

Example may be better than advice, but when the two join hands they make a team that is hard to beat and that would be Ted Stevens and his friend—if not brother—Danny Inouye. Either one could be chairman, and the result would be the same in behalf of our military and national security.

We who have the public trust know we are only as good as our staff, and Ted had the best, many of whom are in the audience.

As the Senator toting the bucket for our beloved Marine Corps, I mention one: Sid Ashworth.

Back in the day, the Commandant would trust me to follow up after meeting with Ted. We all knew the Air Force got top dollar; then the Army, Navy, and maybe we got retread tires and bailing wire.

Sid said, "Take in three requests. Make the first so big, he'll say, 'You know we can't afford that.' Then with number two, make that difficult to understand and fill it with acronyms, and he'll shut you down. Finally for your third request: take your number one ask and plead your case, 'What am I going to tell the Commandant? At least give me this.'"

And it would work. Then I would call the Commandant and casually say, "Sir, we're okay, we got our top ask." Thanks, Sid.

My relationship with Ted was simple, I did what he asked. On a CODEL, very late at night, we were watching "Band of Brothers"—again; it was Ted's favorite. All lights were off, it was past midnight, everyone fast asleep. I was sitting next to Ted whose eyes were closed, so I got up quietly and attempted to turn the TV off. Ted said in a very loud voice, "Leave it on, this next part is the best part." I sat down.

"Temper is a valuable possession, don't lose it," Ted Stevens. Our Tuesday policy lunch often included discussions of appropriations bills versus policy and ideology. One day, Ted had enough and shouted, "When are you people going to understand, without Democrat votes, we cannot pass appropriations bills!"

He left the room, slammed the door so hard that Mike Mansfield's portrait almost fell to the floor.

I waited about a minute, followed him down to his Appropriations office.

I strode in and said, "Why in the hell did you do that?"

He said, "You don't understand, I'm not angry, I just use my anger as a tool."

Nevertheless, when he donned his "Hulk Tie" colleagues steered clear.

Ted Stevens had a wonderful perspective on life. A successful person can lay

a firm foundation with bricks that others have thrown at him. Even the longest day will have an end, and it did. The Alaskan of the Century was vindicated.

With this grand portrait, he returns to the Senate, and he will remain here for decades to come.

In just 7 months, Ted and Danny will be honored again at the dedication of the Dwight David Eisenhower Memorial, Ted's favorite President.

They led the charge to create the memorial. The dedication will be on May 8, 2020, and the memorial will be another part of Ted Stevens' legacy.

It was a privilege to know and serve with him and to share his friendship. Alaska and our country are better and stronger thanks to his duty and devotion.

We will never see the likes of Ted Stevens again. However, he still lives within all of our hearts, and we thank the Lord for enabling us to live in his space and time.

I yield the floor.

CONFIRMATION OF EUGENE SCALIA

Mr. BOOKER. Mr. President, I want to express my disapproval of the confirmation of Eugene Scalia as Secretary of Labor. America's workers are the backbone of our economy, and the Secretary of Labor should be entrusted to strengthen worker protections, support unions, and play a crucial role in ensuring a just economy. Instead, Eugene Scalia has repeatedly demonstrated that he prioritizes the well-being of corporate interests over those of workers. Throughout his career as a corporate lawyer, he fought against unions, worker safety regulations, and consumer protections rules. For those reasons, I do not believe Eugene Scalia is fit to serve as Secretary of Labor.

My grandfather was one of the first Black members of United Auto Workers at Ford Motor Company, and through him, I learned the importance of worker rights that collective bargaining provides. Through collective action, unions are able to provide workers with livable wages, safe working conditions, and access to benefits like healthcare coverage and retirement savings. Not only has Eugene Scalia represented companies in arbitrations against collective bargaining agreements, but he identifies it as one of his most significant career moments. The Secretary of Labor should be doing everything in their power to make it easier—not harder—for working people to join unions.

Eugene Scalia also represented the Chamber of Commerce in working to overturn the fiduciary rule, a commonsense step towards protecting the retirement security of countless working families. Employers trying to design a quality plan for their workers, workers starting to save, and retirees trying to avoid spending down their nest egg too quickly deserve access to quality advice, without fear that financial bias is