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The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.
O Lord most holy, we confess to You our unworthiness. Grant that we may every day crave those dispositions which shall make us worthy to be called Your children.

Lord, bless our Senators. Guide them so that in all getting, they will receive understanding. Whatever they lose, may they retain Your powerful providence, growing in grace and in a deeper knowledge of You.

Lord, give them a hunger to know Your sacred Word and a willingness to follow Your precepts. Consecrate with Your presence the road our lawmakers travel, and lead them to Your desired destination.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUDD). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Iowa.

WORLD AUTISM MONTH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, April is World Autism Month. This month is a time to recognize the millions of Americans living with autism.

Over the years, we have made progress in increasing awareness and enhancing resources for individuals living with autism. I have worked to pass the Kevin and Avonte's Law, which helps families locate missing loved ones living with autism, Alzheimer's, dementia, and other conditions that may cause them to wander.

The law is named in honor of two young boys with autism, Kevin Curtis Wills from my State of Iowa and Avonte Oquendo from New York, who tragically lost their lives after wandering from safety.

This law provides resources to train first responders and law enforcement, helping each to respond more effectively to these situations. It also provides State and local grants to support communication tools that assist families to quickly locating missing loved ones.

The purpose of this month is to increase the understanding of people living with autism. I am proud that Kevin and Avonte's Law is helping to do just that by enhancing the protection and safety of individuals living with autism.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, before I begin, I want to mention Pope Francis, who died last Monday.

Since he became Pope in 2013, Pope Francis captured the world's attention with his simplicity. He had great compassion for the least among us, and he sought them out wherever he went.

In his final homily on Easter Sunday, he reminded us not to remain stationary, but to go out seeking Jesus everywhere and in everyone. And that is how he lived, going out into the world seeking Jesus and bringing the Gospel to those that he met.

I trust that he is now at home with his Father in Heaven.

My thoughts and prayers are with South Dakota Catholics and all those who are mourning this humble servant of God.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, we are kicking off the week today with a vote on a former colleague of ours, David Perdue, to be Ambassador to China. We will be working through several other Ambassador nominations this week, including our Ambassador to our close friend and ally Great Britain.

I don't need to tell anybody that it is important to have these individuals in place. We are going to continue to confirm the President's Ambassadors as expeditiously as possible.

We are also going to continue to focus on filling out the rest of the President's administration. The President needs to have his team in place so that he can do the job he was elected to do. I intend to make sure that happens as quickly as possible.

We have already set a brisk pace on nominations, confirming more than 50 to date. We are going to have a lot more nominees coming out of committee. I want to make it very clear that we are going to process those nominees in a timely fashion. As I have

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said before, we can do this the easy way or the hard way. But one way or another, we are going to get it done. The President needs to have his team in place, and we have a lot of other work to do.

Speaking of some of that other work, before Easter, the House and the Senate took a major step forward on a permanent extension of tax relief for American families by passing a budget resolution that will allow us to proceed to a final bill. We have been working toward the text of this final bill for months, and drafting has only accelerated since passage of the budget resolution. I am looking forward to the House and the Senate taking up the final legislation.

Mr. President, there is a lot on the line here. The tax relief the Republicans passed in 2017, which puts more money in Americans' pockets, is set to expire at the end of this year. Without congressional action, in 2026, tax rates will increase, the child tax credit will be cut in half, and the standard deduction will be nearly halved. Americans making less than \$400,000 a year would see a \$2.6 trillion tax hike, and a typical family of four making \$80,000 would be sending an additional \$1,700 to Uncle Sam. Republicans do not intend to let that happen. Our final bill will not only extend the 2017 tax relief for hard-working Americans, it will make it permanent.

In addition to permanent tax relief, our final legislation will invest in our border, energy, and national security. All three have suffered in recent years under the Biden administration, and Republicans are committed to securing our border, unleashing America's abundant energy resources, and ensuring that our military has the resources it needs to deter and defeat any threat.

Finally, our legislation will also include substantial savings measures as we take a hard look at how we spend taxpayer dollars and work to get our country on a more sustainable fiscal path.

Work on drafting this legislation continues. As we consider nominations, measures to repeal burdensome Biden administration regulations, and other legislation on the floor, off the floor, we are getting ever closer to a final bill. It is going to be great.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader is recognized.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD J. DURBIN

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, last week, our dear friend, the senior Senator from Illinois and the Senate Democratic whip, announced he will not seek reelection next year. I will have a lot more to say about DICK DURBIN—one of my close, close friends and someone I roomed with for close to two decades—before he departs, but for now, let me say just this: Senator DURBIN has left an indelible mark on the Senate, on our caucus, on Illinois, and on all of America. He has been a champion for justice and helped Senate Democrats confirm a record number of Federal judges last Congress. He has been a tireless advocate for Illinois families and people in need, and he has been a close and trusted member of my leadership team.

I know Senator DURBIN will spend every remaining minute of his term fighting for Illinois and America and fighting for justice. I look forward to fighting alongside him, as we always have together.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION FIRST 100 DAYS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, the first 100 days. Well, this week, President Trump marks 100 days as President. It has been 100 days of hell for American families, for our economy, and for our democracy. The start of Donald Trump's second term has been the worst start of any President's in modern times. He now has the lowest approvals any President has seen through his first 100 days since they started polling 80 years ago.

Tomorrow night, Senate Democrats will take to the floor to highlight the disaster of Donald Trump's first 100 days. We will expose his broken promises. We will expose his lies. We will expose the ways he is threatening democracy. So we will take to the floor and expose Donald Trump as a disastrous President in his first 100 days. We ask America to listen.

On the day he became President, Donald Trump promised a golden age for America. Today, that seems laughable. Instead of a golden age, what Americans have gotten is one of the most chaotic, corrupt, and harmful starts to a Presidency in modern history. Before our very eyes, the man who occupies the Oval Office is destroying the foundations of our democracy.

Federal law enforcement is arresting people with little due process, even going as far as arresting a judge in Wisconsin. At least four U.S. citizens—all of them children, two suffering from cancer—have been illegally deported. It is sickening. It is immoral. Arrest a judge to try to threaten and scare judges, which he has done before, saying he is about impeachment and other things? Freedom of expression and the rule of law are under attack. Government has been weaponized against the

free press, against academic and judicial independence, against anyone who might disagree with Donald Trump.

Donald Trump doesn't want to be President of a democratic republic. He has said he wants to be a King or some kind of dictator. He said: Let me be a dictator for one day. But his actions show he wants to be one for much longer.

Meanwhile—meanwhile—billionaires like Elon Musk have been handed the keys to the Federal Government with little accountability.

Donald Trump claims he is a better President than George Washington, but he takes inspiration more from the likes of Viktor Orban or worse.

So 100 days into Donald Trump's second term, what exactly do Americans have to feel good about? Is it that Donald Trump's trade war has pushed our country to the brink of recession? Is it that his tariffs will cost families an average of \$4,700 annually? Is it that CEOs and business owners are warning about rising costs, empty shelves, and an economic downturn? Maybe it is that the Dow Jones is on track for its worst April since 1932.

The truth is, Donald Trump's Presidency is no golden age; it is a disaster—the worst start to a new administration in modern times.

Americans are already fed up. Americans are already beginning to see that Donald Trump has betrayed them, that Donald Trump's campaign promises before he won election and his actions as President are almost in direct contradiction on issue after issue after issue. They are seeing that Donald Trump is not on their side; he is not on the side of working families. He is on the side of the billionaires, and we are all suffering for it.

What happened during recess corroborated all of this. For the last 2 weeks, my Democratic colleagues and I have seen Americans' frustrations firsthand. During the Easter recess, I traveled from one end of my State to the other. I visited six of seven congressional districts represented by Republicans in Congress in New York, and I spoke with small business owners, seniors, healthcare workers, veterans, local electeds, Republicans, Democrats, Independents—people from all walks of life. People are anxious about tariffs driving up their costs, about inflation eroding their paychecks, and are fearful for the future of Social Security.

Last week, I met with the owner of a women's clothing shop in Suffolk County, a well-known woman in Suffolk County, the head of a very successful business, Tandy's clothes, and a longtime fan of the President. She said she proudly voted for him—right when I was standing there—but now she said her small business wouldn't be able to absorb the shock of a prolonged trade war, that her costs were already up 30 percent. This is a Donald Trump voter who is angry at these tariffs.

No one I met over the last 2 weeks believed we were entering the golden

age Donald Trump promised. Instead, I heard worry; I heard frustration from Republicans; I heard a lot of buyer's remorse.

Republican Members from those districts I visited are nervous, worried, and scared as could be. They know their voters don't agree with Trump, but they are too scared to buck him. In the upcoming reconciliation, we will see what they do. Will they side with Trump against what Americans need and want or will they have a little courage? We are very, very worried about the future of this country with so much at stake.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, so let's talk about what is going to happen in the Senate in this period, in this work period.

Now, we convene at the start of this pivotal work period. This week, Republicans are expected to begin marking up the text of their reconciliation bill.

With so many problems facing our country, with a threat of recession on the horizon, with tariffs driving costs up, and Elon Musk taking a meat cleaver to Social Security, to veterans' care, and to cancer research, what are Republicans in Congress spending their time on? They want to cut taxes for billionaires and make working people pay for it. They want to add over \$52 trillion—trillion dollars—to the national debt. I think of my grandson when I think of that. They want to make the biggest cuts to Medicaid ever. This is the Republican agenda: Billionaires win. American families lose.

Republicans have gotten by so far with a bunch of empty and deceptive promises that none of the outrageous cuts they propose will come back to harm ordinary Americans. But their rhetorical runway is quickly going to run out. Soon, they will have to show everyone the real details of their legislation, and it is not going to be pretty.

Even if Republicans pass a fraction of the cuts they are proposing to Medicaid, it would devastate communities—urban, suburban, and particularly rural. The cost of healthcare will come up for those least able to afford it. Healthcare workers would lose their jobs. Millions could lose coverage. And for what? So billionaires can pay less in taxes. It is a revolting—thoroughly revolting—agenda.

Democrats will vehemently oppose this bill and all the harmful elements of the Republican agenda at every opportunity.

Tomorrow, as I said a moment ago, Senate Democrats will take to the floor to highlight the disaster of Trump's first 100 days.

On Wednesday, we will take to the Senate steps and join in one voice with our House counterparts to decry the ways this President has already—already—only 100 days in, failed our country.

In the coming weeks, we will continue to oppose deeply unqualified nominees who have no business serving in government. We have seen that already, for instance, with the antics of Mr. Hegseth.

We will also fight Donald Trump's disastrous trade war. Soon, the Senate will vote on bipartisan legislation I cosponsored with Senators WYDEN, KAINE, and PAUL that nullifies Donald Trump's trade war. To nobody's surprise, the President has already threatened to veto this bill.

Senate Republicans who know how bad tariffs are for their States should join us to nullify Donald Trump's trade war and ignore his veto threat, and, if necessary, we should override the President's veto. These tariffs are so bad and are already pushing America into recession.

"Recession" is an economic word for shrinking growth. But what does it mean to American families? More likely to lose a job, harder to find a new job, more likely to have prices go up and not be able to afford those price increases.

Finally, Senate Democrats will do what Senate Republicans refuse to do: conduct oversight on this administration. We will do it on our own. That means pushing for investigations into the leadership failures at the Pentagon. What Hegseth did there was horrible. It means pushing back against attacks on Social Security. It means resisting the defunding of public resources like PBS. It means exposing the chilling arrests of Americans without due process.

Day after day after day, we will hammer home the Republican agenda, and Americans will see the difference between Democratic unity and Republican disarray.

It is no wonder Republicans are in such disarray—House Republicans fighting with one another, Senate Republicans fighting with one another, and Senate and House Republican leadership not even on the same page. That is incredible. Why? Because their programs are so unpopular with the American people.

Democrats are united in our mission to lower costs for families, protect healthcare, defend American democracy. Meanwhile, Republicans are at loggerheads with each other.

As I said, House Republicans are fighting among themselves. Senate Republicans are fighting among themselves. Leadership in both Chambers are at odds. And why do Republicans face this situation where they are so at odds with one another? The simple answer is, again: because their agenda is so unpopular with the American people, and neither House—and no Republican Senator—wants to be left holding this hot potato.

The backlash Republicans are getting from the public—whether it is town halls, in the streets, or through dismal polling data—should serve as a warning to our colleagues on the other side: If

they proceed with their agenda, the political outcry will be enormous, just enormous.

So as long as Donald Trump pushes America down the dangerous road we are already on, he will face resistance from Democrats, from the courts, and, most importantly, from the American people themselves.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, my grandparents and my mother and her two siblings immigrated to the United States from Lithuania in the year 1911. They came over on a ship from Germany to Baltimore and found their way to the city of my birth, East St. Louis, IL.

There are very few things left from that voyage experience so long ago. My grandmother had brought with her a Lithuanian Catholic prayer book that was considered, at the time, to be contraband in Czarist Russia. It is a family treasure. I still have it. I keep it in my office as a reminder of her faith and mine.

Today, I join people across the world and mourn the passing of Pope Francis. He was forgiving, hopeful, and committed to the notion of peace.

Francis taught us that there is no one "right" way to be a Catholic; that the church can shape you, and you can shape the church, and in the process, he made the church stronger.

Ten years ago, Pope Francis became the first Pope to deliver a joint address to Congress. I was honored to be present for that historic speech and to shake his hand.

The Holy Father spoke in that speech about one of my political heroes, Abraham Lincoln. And Pope Francis reminded Members of Congress that:

You are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics.

Pope Francis used his platform to highlight the plight of immigrants and refugees, to ask compassion for those in the LGBTQ community whom the church had historically shunned, to advocate for peace in distant waters, and to protect our environments.

Like myself, Pope Francis was the child of immigrants, and he often reminded us of our responsibility to welcome the stranger.

In a recent letter to American Catholic bishops, Pope Francis affirmed our Nation's right to "defend itself and keep communities safe." But he raised serious concerns about mass deportation, which "damages the dignity of many men and women, and of entire families, and places them in a state of particular vulnerability and defenselessness."

His message is so timely as our government ignores due process and, through an administrative error, sends

a person to a hell-hole prison in El Salvador and deports a 2-year-old to Honduras.

In one of his final public acts, Pope Francis offered remarks for Easter Sunday. He was so ill he was unable to deliver the speech himself, so it was read by one of his assistants. It was a speech of peace. It was a speech of hope. It was a speech of a truly good man. In it, he pled:

On this day, I would like all of us to hope anew and to revive our trust in others, including those who are different than ourselves, or who come from distant lands, bringing unfamiliar customs, ways of life and ideas.

Over the weekend, it was my honor to join Senator SUSAN COLLINS and three of our colleagues as part of a delegation of five Senators who represented the U.S. Senate at Pope Francis' funeral at Vatican City.

The crowd was overwhelming. Estimated in the hundreds of thousands, they came from every corner of the Earth. Just in our small section was a delegation in business suits from Lesotho in Africa. There were Buddhists in bright orange robes, members of the Italian Parliament, a turbaned Sikh delegation from India, and our bipartisan House delegation, led by NANCY PELOSI and Republican Leader STEVE SCALISE.

Thousands of Catholic clergy on the altar and in the audience wore vestments representing every shade of the colors of scarlet and red. But the vast crowds of mourners and celebrants were simply admirers of Francis, who, in his humble way, touched so many lives. At the front of the altar was his simple wooden casket.

The funeral ceremony was in Latin—the language of the Catholic Church when I was a young altar boy at St. Elizabeth's Church in East St. Louis, IL, in the 1950s.

As I witnessed this solemn mass and read from the text, I could hear in my mind the rusty hinges of an opening door taking me back to the Latin mass and Gregorian chant of my childhood. It is all still there, “*deo gratias.*”

How did this mass differ from the funeral of John Paul decades ago? I remember the crowds of Polish mourners who were there with their red and white flags for John Paul II. But with Francis, what struck me were the many waves of spontaneous cheering from the vast crowd when reference was made to his simple message for immigrants, for peace, and for understanding.

Who could forget his five words:

Who am I to judge?

They defined his humility and his humanity for so many of us.

After the ceremony, I went back to my hotel room and turned on my television. There was a recurring segment every few minutes. It showed a simple photograph of Francis and the Italian words, which I will probably mispronounce. They were: “*Grazie Francesco. Il papa della gente.*” Trans-

lated to English: “Thank you, Francis, the Pope of the people.”

We must continue to hold fast to the message of Pope Francis to love and respect one another. In a world of hate and fear, his message of peace and understanding is needed now more than ever.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BRITT). The Senator from Arkansas.

TRIBUTE TO PEYTON BOLLING

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize and congratulate an exceptional Arkansan, Peyton Bolling, as we celebrate her making history as the first Miss Arkansas' Teen to be crowned as Miss America's Teen. Our State is home to many talented, intelligent, and service-oriented young people, achieving tremendous accomplishments, and Peyton is truly a wonderful example of that.

She is a Rogers native and a senior at Bentonville High School and grew up in a military family. Her parents, Colonel Ryan and Patrice Bolling, have supported and nurtured her interest in community betterment and service from a young age. That passion led her to serve as a U.S. Senate page, which only deepened her appreciation for our system of government that invites all Americans to play their part in shaping the future.

I was pleased to meet her while she was in the Page Program and then reconnect after she claimed the Miss Arkansas' Teen title, last summer. It is encouraging to see her pursuing her new, larger platform to inspire positive change and promote civic engagement to America's next generation of leaders, and I am thankful she can now take this effort nationwide and give back in such a meaningful way.

What makes this all the more impressive is that Peyton's success in the pageant world came not after years of practice and experience but on her first try. The poise and maturity she has demonstrated in competition, but also in so many other facets of life, are serving her incredibly well as she represents our community, the State of Arkansas, and our Nation.

So, today, I am pleased to celebrate how far Peyton has come and recognize her special place in Natural State history. I look forward to all she will accomplish as Miss America's Teen and beyond.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

TRIBUTE TO AMANDA LINCOLN

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, oh my gosh, I wish I didn't have to rise today because I rise to say goodbye but also to honor someone who has been an incredibly important member of our Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee team and, before that, in my personal office team. Amanda Lincoln is leaving Capitol Hill after 15

years of service to the Congress and to our country.

Amanda joined my personal office after she had served as staff director and legislative director for the late Senator Mike Enzi. In my personal office, she was integral to advancing policies to improve the lives of all Americans, spearheading laws that increase access to generic drugs, boost domestic manufacturing of medical products, and enhance forecasting of epidemics. She also was a partner in brainstorming solutions to emerging and vexing policy challenges, like how to finance gene therapies and protect patient privacy.

Now, it was interesting. When we began to work on the bipartisan infrastructure bill, I had a group of six, and there was no one of them that had been tapped as a leader. And there were just alpha males in there, and there was this and there was that. And just organically, Amanda emerged as the leader among that group.

One of the young men who was on that project, with strong personality and strong intellect—and I just kind of wasn't quite sure how that would manage—and he goes: I just got to tell you, Amanda is doing a great job.

I am thinking: Well, how in the heck did that happen that she emerged as the leader among all of these strong possibilities, and there was never any sort of jostling?

It was just her talent, her ability to understand process and direct negotiations that, once more, organically made her the leader.

She never worked before on transportation and energy, and yet transportation and energy became something in which she is expert at.

So although she left my office after that—my personal office—when I became the ranking member on the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, I was asked: Well, who is going to be your staff director?

And I remembered her ability to lead so well that I said: Let's ask Amanda Lincoln.

Fortunately, she took the job. Since then, I have learned to trust her for consequential decisions that helped us on that committee chart a successful path.

Now, first in the Republican minority and now as Republican chair, we have been able to pass laws enhancing research into childhood cancer and making sure students receive financial aid packages on time to choose the best affordable college option for them. We have passed legislation to address hazing incidents on college campuses, to reform Federal programs that better address Alzheimer's and autism, and to promote access to healthcare in rural areas.

We passed legislation through the committee to strengthen services for American seniors, to improve public health readiness toward the next pandemic, to make sure that healthcare workers could access mental health

and substance use care—if you will, those healthcare workers burned out, stressed out, sometimes to the point of suicide by things such as the COVID pandemic, they now have greater support—to help Americans caring for family members with disabilities and other challenging medical conditions.

Amanda also led oversight efforts, including the recapturing of \$375 million of taxpayer funds wrongfully paid.

As in my personal office, Amanda led efforts to develop policy solutions to some of the most pressing issues of our time—personally, I think it is important for our country to address the potential risks and benefits that artificial intelligence pose to society, and to make sure that it is designed, developed, and deployed responsibly—also, to modernize the National Institutes of Health, ensuring we sustain our advantage in biomedical research and that Americans get innovative treatments first; to ensure that gig workers have access to portable benefits, like retirement and healthcare; to modernize HIPAA or the medical privacy framework to ensure it keeps pace with new technologies and that Americans' private health data is properly protected.

Amanda has been on the ground floor of all of these ideas, helping to kickstart debate and to generate solutions that I hope to pass into law as chair of that committee. She also led the committee's efforts to swiftly confirm all of President Trump's Cabinet officials under our jurisdiction and to ensure rapid confirmation for key public health officials, like the FDA Commissioner and the NIH Director.

Occasionally, I would get some phone call: How come these appointees are not advancing?

I would say: That is because we have not received the paperwork.

But once we got the paperwork, we took care of it. And that was Amanda's husbanding of the process.

All that I have described would not have been possible without her leadership and guidance. I just thank her, and I am incredibly indebted for her loyalty, service, and steadfastness.

Now, as you know, Madam President, someone who works here on the Hill—particularly if it is a “madam,” particularly if it is a she, particularly if it is a mom, a wife—has not only the responsibilities of being that staffer or that Senator or that Congresswoman, but she has the responsibility, as well, of being that mom and of being that spouse, that partner.

Everybody sacrifices weekends, nights, precious times with family in the service of our Nation. Amanda embraces that—perhaps embraced it too much.

I say, again, that this is bittersweet. Her departure is a loss for my office, but a loss for the institution of the Senate. She will be missed by all. But our loss is the gain of her husband JP and their beautiful girls, Caroline and Amelie.

It has been an incredible pleasure watching Amanda grow personally and

professionally. I am proud to call her not only a trusted adviser but a dear friend.

I wish her well. I look forward to seeing her start a new chapter in her professional journey.

Once more, I thank her for her service to this body, the Senate, and to the United States of America.

I yield the floor.

Madam President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The Senator from Texas.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S.J. RES. 49

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the majority leader following consultation with the Democratic leader, no later than Wednesday, April 30, S.J. Res. 49 be discharged from the Committee on Finance, and the Senate proceed to its consideration; further, that there be six hours of debate only, with the time equally divided between the leaders or their designees on the joint resolution and that following the use or yielding back of that time, the joint resolution be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution.

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

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Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, on another matter, we have just arrived back in the Nation's Capital following a couple weeks back home, and I am glad to report that I was able to put that time to good use.

It is no secret that Texas is one of the best places in the country to do business, and that was certainly confirmed by my visit back home these last couple of weeks. I had the opportunity to visit with some of our most impressive businesses, from major manufacturing facilities to local, family-owned small businesses.

One such visit was to Daikin Texas Technology Park in Waller County, a suburb of Houston. There, I had the opportunity to tour their facility and attend a townhall with many of their employees. It is a truly impressive facility, employing more than 10,000 workers in our State and leading the world in the engineering and manufacturing of heating and air-conditioning products.

I also visited Alliance, TX, which is actually in Tarrant County or Fort Worth, which is now a massive, master-planned, mixed-use development in

North Texas. Alliance is home to a number of important businesses, residential neighborhoods, and a thriving island inland port that boosts our country's supply chains. Located along an interstate with rail and air access, at 27,000 acres, Alliance is nearly double the size of Manhattan. From its inception in 1990 until today, Alliance has had an incredible \$130 billion economic impact on our State.

Now, as you might imagine, one of the major themes of my discussion back home was the importance of our major task at hand here in the Senate, which is extending the expiring provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. While we made an important first step by passing the budget resolution in the House and the Senate, now the various committees of jurisdiction have their work cut out for them to pencil in the details of the precise policies that will then require the President's signature.

I spent a great deal of time back home hearing about the importance of these tax cuts and how they have benefited not just Texas families but small businesses throughout the State.

I know most of the time when we think about job creators, we think about Fortune 500 companies, but the fact is, in Texas and across the Nation, it is our small businesses that are the primary engine of job creation.

In the Dallas area, I met with Andy Ellard, the owner and general manager of Manda Machine Company, a third-generation, family-owned company in Dallas. Andy's grandparents founded the company in 1950, operating the business out of a back room in their house. Eventually, when the time came for them to retire, they sold the business to their daughter and her husband, who in turn sold it to their children. Now more than seven decades later, Andy and his siblings are the third-generation owners of Manda Machine Company. Now, if that is not the American dream, I don't know what is.

Andy told me how beneficial the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was for his family business. He said that over the last 3 years, he has been able to invest \$80,000 in improving his business as a result of that legislation. So if the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is not extended at the end of this year, Andy and his employees in this small business will lose out on these benefits that have helped his business grow and thrive and provide employment for other families.

I visited another place in the Rio Grande Valley, this one called 5x5 Brewing Company. This is a veteran-owned, as it sounds, brewery which is dedicated to brotherhood, tradition, and, yes, you guessed it, great beer. This tradition is reflected on their menu as many of their signature beverages have names of military significance.

There at 5x5, we had a panel discussion of small business owners, including Luis Espindola, who is one of the coowners of 5x5 and a Marine Corps veteran. I met with other business

owners at that panel, like Sarah Hammond, who owns Atlas Electrical Air Conditioning, Refrigeration & Plumbing Services. Sarah is known as a pillar of her community, serving as chair of the Rio Grande Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and helping to oversee the management of Hummingbird Trailer Park. On top of this, she is involved with an organization dedicated to helping develop and empower other women business owners.

Then there was Jessica Delgado, who, having worked in the restaurant industry since age 16, now owns multiple restaurants, and she serves on the board of the Texas Restaurant Association and is a former chairwoman of the Texas Restaurant Foundation.

Another impressive woman small business owner was Hortencia Camargo, the owner of C4 Transport and Hacienda La Hortencia and a licensed Realtor in McAllen, TX, and she is also the founder of GRASP, which advocates for safe gun storage practices around children.

I also had the chance on this same panel to visit with representatives of the agricultural sector, including Dante Galeazzi—I am going to butcher Dante's name—Galeazzi, who is president and CEO of Texas International Produce Association, who emphasized to me how beneficial the Trump tax cuts were for Texas farmers and ranchers.

The message I heard from all of these impressive Texas entrepreneurs, job creators, and pillars of the community was simple: The Trump tax cuts helped their businesses grow and flourish, providing benefits not only to themselves and their families but to their employees and their broader communities.

Stories I heard from my fellow Texans like Andy, Luis, Sarah, Hortencia, Jessica, and others show how patently false the accusation is of our Democratic colleagues who somehow claim that this is just to benefit rich people. The fact of the matter is, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is not about helping the wealthy few at the expense of ordinary Americans, contrary to the Democratic talking points.

You know, I have been here working in Washington—or what I like to call the forward operating base in hostile territory—for some time now, and the truth is, you get these prevailing narratives that get repeated over and over and over again and written about by the press that simply have no basis in fact or reality.

The truth is, if we fail to extend the expiring provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, 62 percent of American taxpayers will see their taxes go up. Obviously—on top of a 40-year high inflation, which has raised input costs across the board by about 20 percent or more as a result of the policies of the previous administration, that obviously would have a tremendously negative impact on our economy and the standard of living, like the folks I mentioned back home.

This is really about lifting up hard-working men and women across the country. The tax cuts are about helping every hard-working American achieve their dreams. If President Trump's tax cuts are not extended, as I say, virtually everybody or at least a significant supermajority of American working families will see a tax increase. Texans specifically will see taxes increase about \$3,000 on average. I am sure every single one of my constituents can think about somewhere better to spend that \$3,000 than to write a check to the IRS. Small business owners like many of the folks that I met with these last 2 weeks would see tax hikes of nearly 50 percent, and working families could see their child tax credit cut in half, along with the standard deduction, which was dramatically increased in 2017.

Despite these hard facts, our Democratic colleagues continue to peddle the myth that President Trump's tax cuts are just for rich folks. It couldn't be more clear that these claims are nothing more than just that—myths.

So I urge my fellow Republican colleagues to never mind the naysayers across the aisle. The American people, on November 5, gave us a job to do. We took the important first step by passing the budget resolution just before the Senate adjourned, and now that we are back in Washington, it is time that we finish the job.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD J. DURBIN

Mr. SCHATZ. Madam President, everyone enters public service hoping that they can make a difference, but few have the ability or the fortune to do as much good as Senator DICK DURBIN has over his long and storied career.

Since stepping into these Halls of Congress more than 40 years ago, Senator DURBIN has fought passionately for his constituents back home in his beloved Illinois and Americans all across the country. And while so many of us have already benefited from his extraordinary work, both knowingly and unknowingly, his legacy will continue to improve the lives of Americans for many years to come.

To know Senator DURBIN is to understand he is as decent and as principled as leaders come. He is dogged in his fight for fairness and justice but humble in sharing the credit for all of his successes. He is willing to work with everyone but will never compromise his values for anyone.

Over the years, he has picked some very difficult but worthy fights. And he

has won time after time, paving the way for cleaner air on airplane flights, leading the fight against torture, lifting up the voices that are too often left behind in Washington.

A trial attorney by training, Senator DURBIN can never look away from injustice, no matter how pervasive or how entrenched. No challenge was too daunting. He felt an obligation to try to fix it. Outraged by the conduct of the war on drugs that had imprisoned generations of Black and Brown men without a meaningful path to rehabilitation, he worked for years to pass the Fair Sentencing Act and the First Step Act. Those laws have since helped to reduce overcrowding in prisons, lower criminal recidivism, and revitalize communities across the country.

Shocked by the plight of Dreamers who spent their lives calling America home but without the papers to prove it, Senator DURBIN has been on the frontlines of the push to put them on a path to citizenship. It is a fight that still continues and one that I know Senator DURBIN will keep at for as long as it takes.

Anyone who has served in this body long enough knows that there are those votes that test your resolve and weigh heavily on your conscience. And for so long, Senator DURBIN has been a uniquely consistent voice of moral clarity and conscience, not just when it is easy or when it is obvious but especially when it is hard and even when it is lonely.

In 2002, he was among a small group of Senators who voted against the invasion of Iraq, cautioning against the dangers of acting hastily on fear rather than fact. Years later, in the throes of the war on terror, Senator DURBIN became an outspoken critic of the U.S. Government's use of torture in foreign prisons. In both instances, he was criticized and condemned at the time. In both instances, history has rendered his judgment as the right and patriotic one.

It has been one of the true privileges of my career to serve as his chief deputy whip and to watch him work his magic during floor debates and in the Judiciary Committee. He is a gentleman of the Senate through and through. I will never forget the time he took to talk about my dad's legacy on this very floor. I know that he has shown that kind of thoughtfulness and care to so many, even when facing his own loss.

I am lucky to call him a mentor and friend, someone who I have learned as much from and rely on for counsel and perspective over many years.

The good news for the country, for me, and for all of us colleagues is Senator DURBIN's work here in the Senate is far from over. We are lucky to be able to count on his leadership and example, as always, in the 2 years ahead. But for now, I want to thank Senator DURBIN, his family—especially his wife Loretta—and his excellent staff for their decades of extraordinary service

to the State and to the Nation. We are all better for him.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DAINES. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

UKRAINE

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, I come to the floor today to add my voice to the many who are commending President Trump as he works toward peace in Ukraine.

The President recently gave the aggressor, Russian dictator Vladimir Putin, every chance to put down his guns and end the killing. He has done that over and over, but our President is now showing that he will not wait on Mr. Putin forever. Every time Ukraine and the United States have extended the hand of peace, President Putin has responded with aggression. With one hand, Vladimir Putin always makes a show of participating in peace talks. With the other, he has repeatedly bombed civilians—a clear war crime, a war crime—including just on Sunday of last week, Palm Sunday, when he bombed worshipers and children who were playing on a public playground.

On Saturday, the day before yesterday, the President took Mr. Putin to task for this brutality, and I commend the President for doing that.

The President said:

There was no reason for Putin to be shooting missiles into civilian areas, cities and towns, over the last few days. It makes me think that maybe he doesn't want to stop the war—he's just tapping me along—and has to be dealt with differently.

Thank you, Mr. President, for saying that.

One of the President's staunchest supporters in this body echoed that statement just yesterday.

Senator KENNEDY of Louisiana said:

[P]utin thinks that America has taken the bullet train to chump town.

Chump town.

The President is right, and Senator KENNEDY of Louisiana is right. There is one man to blame for this war. If Vladimir Putin puts down his guns, there will be no more war. If Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Ukraine put down their guns, there will be no more Ukraine. That is the simple truth, and I appreciate the President expressing that forcefully.

Then, today, GEN Jack Keane, a very respected observer and officer and official in the Institute for the Study of War, expressed essentially the same sentiments as Donald Trump expressed the day before yesterday and as Senator KENNEDY expressed yesterday. On

FOX News this morning, General Keane gave the President due credit for pursuing peace in Ukraine. The general noted that President Trump, understandably, seems to be running out of patience with Putin's intransigence.

I know that many Members of this Chamber are running out of patience too.

General Keane then asked a simple question: Which side has shown that it wants a peace deal? Both sides claim they want peace, but what is the evidence?

And here is the truth: The truth is that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has shown that he is interested in peace. He has negotiated at length with the administration. Ukraine and its President agreed to a 30-day cease-fire. Vladimir Putin rejected the idea. Instead, Putin initiated an agreement to halt attacks on energy infrastructure, and then he immediately violated that agreement. Mr. Putin did.

Worst of all, throughout these so-called peace talks, Vladimir Putin has repeatedly taken the lives of non-combatant civilians and pummeled residential neighborhoods with bombs. Every statement Mr. Putin makes should be viewed through that lens.

President Trump is right. Too many people are dying, and that includes the Russian people who are also suffering.

The Russian people do not deserve to live under a vicious, larcenous, trillionaire president-for-life like Vladimir Putin. So far, only one side has worked to end violence.

This weekend, the Trump administration set a timeline for Vladimir Putin to choose peace, and I commend them for it. I commend Secretary of State Marco Rubio who said the President will decide soon whether Putin is interested in actually working toward a just end to the war.

All signs indicate the answer will be no. The real answer from Vladimir Putin will be no. Just this morning, the Russian Foreign Ministry published words straight from the mouth of Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. In no uncertain terms, this high-ranking Russian official rejected President Trump's peace deal.

So this is a pivotal week. I look forward to the President's decision. I would remind him and my fellow colleagues: Putin cannot be allowed to drag the United States along.

The U.S. Senate is ready to back President Trump as he stands up to Putin, on a bipartisan basis; 50 Senators—25 Republicans and 25 Democrats—recently introduced a bill called the Sanctioning Russia Act of 2025. Who says there is not bipartisanship in the Senate? Recently, 25 Republicans and 25 Democrats have introduced legislation that would introduce primary and secondary sanctions against Russia and against actors supporting Russia's aggression in Ukraine, imposing real consequences on Putin if he continues refusing to engage in good-faith talks

with Ukraine and the United States. And he has never engaged in any talks that were in good faith.

Putin repeatedly bombs civilians. He has forged a trail of broken promises. He, and only he, chose—unprovoked—to start the largest land war in Europe since World War II. Putin, and only Putin, did that. Where in any of this has there been a showing of good faith?

On Saturday, the President suggested that Putin “has to be dealt with differently.” I applaud this. My Senate colleagues applaud this. Experienced military professionals like General Keane applaud this. The President has been exceedingly patient, but he is correctly stating that there should be an end.

It is time to treat Putin like the deceptive, cunning war criminal that he is.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Mississippi.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. WICKER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Perdue nomination be waived.

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

The Senator from Illinois.

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled vote begin immediately.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The assistant bill clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 80, David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China.

John Thune, Jim Justice, Ted Cruz, Bernie Moreno, Jon A. Husted, Steve Daines, Josh Hawley, Marsha Blackburn, John R. Curtis, Tommy Tuberville, Tim Sheehy, Pete Ricketts, Joni Ernst, James E. Risch, Mike Rounds, Tim Scott of South Carolina, Eric Schmitt.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea".

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 64, nays 27, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 214 Leg.]

YEAS—64

Banks	Hagerty	Murkowski
Barrasso	Hassan	Paul
Blackburn	Hawley	Peters
Booker	Hoeven	Reed
Boozman	Husted	Ricketts
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Budd	Johnson	Rosen
Capito	Justice	Rounds
Cassidy	Kennedy	Schmitt
Collins	Kim	Scott (FL)
Coons	King	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Cotton	Lankford	Sheehy
Crapo	Lee	Slotkin
Cruz	Lummis	Sullivan
Curtis	Marshall	Thune
Daines	McConnell	Tuberville
Duckworth	McCormick	Warner
Ernst	Moody	Wicker
Fischer	Moran	Young
Galleo	Moreno	
Grassley	Mullin	

NAYS—27

Alsobrooks	Heinrich	Sanders
Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Bennet	Hirono	Schiff
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Lujan	Smith
Cantwell	Markey	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warnock
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Wyden

NOT VOTING—9

Cramer	Kaine	Tillis
Fetterman	Murray	Welch
Graham	Padilla	Whitehouse

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). On this vote, the yeas are 64, the nays are 27.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of David Perdue, of Georgia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Republic of China.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and 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 DENNY LAW

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I have the privilege of recognizing my good friend, Dennis "Denny" Law, who will soon retire from his position as chief executive officer of Golden West Telecommunications. Denny's outstanding leadership and unwavering dedication to connecting South Dakota's communities with high-speed broadband have ensured that families, schools, farms, and businesses—no matter how remote—have access to the networks they need to thrive.

Denny was born and raised in our great State of South Dakota. He and his wife Bonnie have two wonderful sons Andrew and Nathan and make their home in Wall, SD. He earned his bachelor of science degree from South Dakota State University and later obtained a master's degree from the University of South Dakota. For the past three decades, Denny has been a driving force in the telecommunications industry. His expertise has proven quite valuable, and I am grateful for the many times—more times than I can count—that he has testified before Congress, highlighting South Dakota's needs in Washington.

Under Denny's leadership, South Dakota has made remarkable progress in deploying broadband services. His deep personal commitment to South Dakotans has helped expand broadband access to even the most rural corners of the State. But beyond his efforts on the ground, Denny has also been a powerful advocate for rural broadband policy, ensuring that small communities always have a voice in national conversations.

Whether championing smart broadband policies, mentoring future industry leaders, serving on national association committees, or even rolling up his sleeves to help install networks, Denny has consistently led by example. While guiding national associations through difficult policy debates and spearheading the efforts of the South Dakota rural broadband industry, Denny has ensured that community-based providers across the country are well-positioned to deliver connectivity that makes a lasting difference for rural America and for the Nation as a whole.

As he embarks on a well-earned retirement, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for his leadership, vision, and friendship. While he may be stepping away from the daily demands of

leading Golden West, his impact will endure; his legacy is hardwired into the future of rural broadband. It has been a pleasure working with you, Denny, and I pray that God blesses you and your family in the days ahead.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0C-25. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 21-68 of August 9, 2022.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 0C-25

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(A), AECA)

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Brazil.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 21-68; Date: August 9, 2022; Implementing Agency: Army.

Funding Source: National Funds.
(iii) Description: On August 9, 2022, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 21-68 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of two hundred twenty-two (222) Javelin missiles, FGM-148; and thirty-three (33) Javelin Command Launch Units (CLU). Also included were Enhanced Producibility Basic Skills Trainers; missile simulation rounds; Security Assistance Management Directorate technical assistance; Tactical Aviation and Ground Munitions Project Office technical assistance; other associated equipment and services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total value was \$74 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$54 million of this total.

This transmittal reports the replacement of the previously notified thirty-three (33)

Javelin Command Launch Units (CLUs) with the following MDE items: fifteen (15) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLUs). The estimated total value of the new items is \$3.1 million. The addition of these items will not result in a net increase in cost of MDE, which will remain at \$54 million. The estimated total case value will remain at \$74 million.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided as the replacement MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed sale will support Brazil's modernization of anti-tank capabilities.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important regional partner that is a force for political stability and economic progress in South America.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Javelin Weapon System is comprised of two major tactical components: a reusable LwCLU, and a round contained in a disposable launch tube assembly. The LwCLU incorporates an integrated day-night sight that provides a target engagement capability in adverse weather and countermeasure environments. The LwCLU may also be used in stand-alone mode for battlefield surveillance and target detection. The LwCLU's thermal sight is a 3rd generation forward-looking infrared (FLIR) sensor. To facilitate initial loading and subsequent updating of software, all on-board missile software is uploaded via the LwCLU after mating and prior to launch.

The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to additional items reported here.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 23, 2025.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of

the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-OF. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 20-66 of October 9, 2020.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-OF

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Government of Finland.
(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 20-66; Date: October 9, 2020; Military Department: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On October 9, 2020, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 20-66 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of sixty-four (64) F-35 Joint Strike Fighter CTOL aircraft; sixty-six (66) Pratt & Whitney F-135 engines (64 installed and 2 spares); five hundred (500) GBU-53/B Small Diameter Bomb II (SDB II) All-Up Round (AUR); twelve (12) GBU-53/B SDB II Guided Test Vehicles (GTV); twelve (12) GBU-53/B SDB II Captive Carry Vehicles (CCV); one hundred fifty (150) Sidewinder AIM-9X Block II+ (Plus) Tactical Missiles; thirty-two (32) Sidewinder AIM-9X Block II+ (Plus) Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs); thirty (30) AIM-9X Block II+ (Plus) Sidewinder Tactical Guidance Units; eight (8) AIM-9X Block II Sidewinder CATM Guidance Units; one hundred (100) AGM-154C-1 Joint Stand Off Weapon (JSOW-C1) Tactical Missiles; two hundred (200) Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile-Extended Range (JASSM-ER) AGM-158B-2 Missiles; two (2) AGM-158B-2 JASSM-ER Separation Test Vehicles; two (2) AGM-158B-2 JASSM-ER Instrumented Test Vehicles; two (2) AGM-158B-2 JASSM-ER Jettison Test Vehicles; two (2) AGM-158B-2 Inert JASSM w/Intelligent Telemetry Instrumentation Kits; two (2) AGM-158 Dummy Air Training Missiles; one hundred twenty (120) KMU-556 JDAM Guidance Kits for GBU-31; three hundred (300) FMU-139D/B Fuzes; two (2) KMU-556(D-2)/B Trainer JDAM Guidance Kits for GBU-31; thirty (30) KMU-557 JDAM Guidance Kits for GBU-31; one hundred fifty (150) KMU-572 JDAM Guidance Kits for GBU-38/54; one hundred twenty (120) BLU-117, General Purpose Bombs; thirty-two (32) BLU-109, General Purpose Bomb; one hundred fifty (150) BLU-111, General Purpose Bomb; six (6) MK-82, Inert Bomb; one (1) FMU-139D/B (D-1) Inert Fuze. Also included were Electronic Warfare Systems; Command, Control, Communications, Computer and Intelligence/Communications, Navigational, and Identification (C4I/CNI); Autonomic Logistics Global Support System (ALGS); Operational Data Integrated Network (ODIN); Air System Training Devices; Weapons Employment Capability and other Subsystems, Features, and Capabilities; F-35 unique infrared flares; reprogramming center access; F-35 Performance Based Logistics; software development/integration; aircraft ferry and tanker support; Detector Laser DSU-38A/B, Detector Laser DSU-38A(D-2)/B, KMU-572(D-2)/B Trainer (JDAM), 40 inch Wing Release Lanyard; GBU-53/B SDB II Weapon Load Crew Trainers (WLCT); GBU-53/B SDB II Practical Explosive Ordnance Disposal System Trainers (PEST); AGM-154C-1 JSOW Captive Flight Vehicles; AGM-154C-1 JSOW Dummy Air Training Missiles; AGM-154C-1 JSOW mission planning, integration support and testing, munitions storage security and training, weapon operational flight program

software development; integration of the Joint Strike Missile; weapons containers; aircraft and munitions support and test equipment; communications equipment; provisioning, spares and repair parts; weapons repair and return support; personnel training and training equipment; weapon systems software, publications and technical documents; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost was \$12.5 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$8.4 billion of this total.

On March 19, 2021, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 21-OD of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of the addition of the following MDE items: fifty (50) Sidewinder AIM-9X Block II+ (Plus) tactical missiles; six hundred (600) AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM); up to twelve (12) AMRAAM Guidance Sections (spares); one thousand five hundred (1,500) GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb Increment 1 (SDB I) munitions; two (2) GBU-39 (T-1)/B inert practice bombs; three hundred (300) FMU-139D/B fuzes; twenty (20) KMU-557 JDAM Guidance Kits for GBU-31; two hundred seventy-five (275) KMU-572 JDAM Guidance Kits for GBU-38/54; twenty (20) BLU-109, general purpose bombs; and two hundred seventy-five (275) BLU-111, general purpose bombs. The following non-MDE items were also included: AMRAAM Control Sections; AMRAAM Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs); GBU-39 Tactical Training Rounds; containers; weapon system support equipment; support and test equipment; site surveys; spare and repair parts; repair and return support; publications and technical data; maintenance and aircrew training; and other related elements of logistics support. The total cost of the new MDE articles was \$1.5 billion, and the total cost of the new non-MDE articles was \$80 million. The total notified cost of MDE increased to \$9.9 billion, and the total notified case value increased to \$14.08 billion.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: two hundred forty (240) Air Intercept Missiles 120D-3 (AIM-120D-3) Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM); eight (8) AIM-120D-3 AMRAAM guidance sections, including precise positioning provided by either Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Modules or M-Code; and one (1) AIM-120D AMRAAM Instrumented Test Vehicle (ITV). The following non-MDE items will also be included: weapon system support including software; KGV-135A embedded communications security (COMSEC) device; transportation and airlift support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost of the new items is \$625 million. The estimated total cost of the new MDE items is \$578 million and does not result in a net increase in total cost of MDE. The estimated total MDE cost remains \$9.9 billion. The estimated total cost of the new non-MDE items is \$47 million and does not result in a net increase in total cost of non-MDE. The total non-MDE remains \$4.18 billion. The total case value does not increase and remains \$14.08 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided because the additional MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed sale will provide Finland with a credible defense capability to deter aggression in the region and ensure interoperability with U.S. forces.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national

security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

The AIM-120D-series AMRAAM is a supersonic, air-launched, aerial intercept guided missile featuring digital technology and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. AMRAAM capabilities include look-down/shoot-down, multiple launches against multiple targets, resistance to electronic countermeasures, and interception of high and low-flying and maneuvering targets. The AIM-120D features a quadrangle target detection device and an electronics unit within the guidance section that performs all radar signal processing, mid-course and terminal guidance, flight control, target detection, and warhead detonation.

The ITV is a captive carry test vehicle used primarily for flight test integration. The ITV verifies and assesses the aircraft's ability to safely support an AMRAAM launch through the aircraft interface mechanism and the aircraft datalink antenna.

The KGV-135 A is a high-speed general purpose encryptor and decryptor module used for wideband data encryption.

The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

The highest level of classification of information included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 28, 2025.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-0G. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 23-26 of May 11, 2023.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-0G

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Government of Germany.
(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 23-26; Date: May 11, 2023; Implementing Agency: Army.

(iii) Description: On May 11, 2023, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 23-26 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of sixty (60) CH-47F Block II Cargo Helicopters with customer-unique modifications; one hundred forty (140) T-55-GA-714A engines (120 installed, 20 spares); seventy-two (72) AN/AAR-57 Common Missile Warning Systems (CMWS) (60 installed, 12 spares); and two hundred eighty-four (284) AN/ARC-231A Communications Security (COMSEC) radios (240 installed, 44 spares). Also included were AN/AVR-2B Laser Detecting Sets; AN/APR-39C(V)1 Radar Detecting Sets; AN/ARC-220 High Frequency (HF) radios with electronic counter-countermeasures (ECCM); military Precise Positioning Service (PPS) (to include SAASM or M-Code); Digital Advanced Flight Control Systems (DAFCS); AN/APX-123A Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) transponder; AN/ARN-147 very high frequency (VHS) omnidirectional range and instrument landing system (VOR/ILS); AN/ARN-153 Tactical Air Navigation Systems (TACAN); air data computers; AN/APN-209 radar altimeter systems; AN/PYQ-10 simple key loaders; KIV-77 Mode 4/5 IFF Applique; KY-100M narrowband/wideband terminal COMSEC devices; AN/AVS-6 Night Vision Devices(NVD); IDM-401 Improved Data Modem; air-to-air refueling probes; M134 gun mounts; Infrared Suppression System (IRSS); Engine Air Particle Separator (EAPS); Ballistic Protection System (BPS) with Cockpit; cabin sides; Midas Underfloor COOLS; Extended Range Fuel System (ERFS) 800 gal and 500 gal; Forward Area Refueling Equipment (FARE); Tie Down Materiel/Helicopter Under-Slung Load Equipment (HUSLE) for internal and external loads; rotorbrake; rescue hoists; Fast Rope Insertion/Extraction System (FRIES); Electro Optical Infrared Sensors (EO/IR); crash resistant pilot and troop seats; skis; life rafts; litter straps and fittings; mission equipment (e.g., jungle penetrator; litter basket; Jacob's ladder; Airborne Tactical Extraction Platform (AirTEP); special tools and test equipment; ground support equipment; airframe and engine spare parts; technical data; publications; Maintenance Work Orders/Engineering Change Proposals (MWO/ECPs); Repair and Return (R&R); technical assistance; airworthiness assistance; transportation of aircraft; training; flight training and maintenance trainers; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost was \$8.5 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$3.35 billion of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following MDE items: forty-seven (47) OT-228/U Common Infrared Countermeasures (CIRCM) and one hundred forty-four (144) "EAGLE-M" aviation navigation systems comprised of Enhanced Aviation Global Air Traffic Management (GATM) systems, Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance (LPV) instruments, and Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS)/Inertial Navigation Systems (INS) (EGIs) with M-code. The following non MDE items will also be included: Multi-Platform Anti-Jam GPS Navigation Antenna-Federated (MAGNA-F), Type Designator: AS-4840; communications systems; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost of the new items is \$0.63 billion. The es-

timated MDE value will increase by \$0.63 billion to a revised \$3.98 billion, but will not require an increase in the estimated total case value. Instead, \$0.63 billion of the available, previously notified non-MDE value will be transferred to the MDE value, causing a decrease in non-MDE value to \$4.52 billion. The estimated total case value will remain at \$8.50 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided because the additional MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed sale will improve Germany's capability to meet current and future regional threats, reinforce its ability to maintain regional stability, and increase the defensive capabilities of its military. The sale supports U.S. national security interests by bolstering land defense in Europe.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is an important force for political and economic stability in Europe.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

CIRCM is the next-generation lightweight, laser-based, infrared countermeasure system for rotary-wing, tilt-rotor, and small fixed-wing aircraft. CIRCM provides near spherical coverage of the host platform to defeat infrared-seeking missiles. It receives an angular bearing hand-off from the CMWS or Limited Interim Missile Warning System (LIMWS), and employs a pointing and tracking system that acquires and tracks the incoming missile, and jams the missile using modulated laser energy to degrade the tracking capability of the missile, causing it to miss the aircraft.

The EAGLE-M, also known as EAGLE M+429, contains sensitive technology that provides GPS hardening when loaded with COMSEC keys.

The MAGNA-F antenna nulls unwanted signals using digital processing technology.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is UNCLASSIFIED.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 23, 2025.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
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. 25-27, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Ireland for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$46 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-27

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 Ireland.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$25 million.

Other \$21 million.

Total \$46 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case EI-B-UDF was below congressional notification threshold at \$8.7 million (\$7.9 million in MDE) and included forty-four (44) FGM-148 Javelin missiles. The Government of Ireland has requested that the case be amended to include thirty-six (36) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU). This amendment will cause the case to exceed the notification threshold, and thus notification of the entire program is required. The above notification requirements are combined as follows:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Forty-four (44) FGM-148 Javelin missiles.

Thirty-six (36) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLUs).

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will also be included: missile containers; U.S. Government technical assistance; Enhanced Producibility Basic Skills Trainers (EPBST); training; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (EI-B-UDF).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 23, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Ireland—FGM-148 Javelin Missiles and Lightweight Command Launch Units

The Government of Ireland has requested to buy thirty-six (36) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLUs) that will be added to a previously implemented case whose value was under the congressional notification threshold. The original Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case, valued at \$8.7 million (\$7.9 million in MDE), included forty-four (44) FGM-148 Javelin missiles. This notification is for a combined total of forty-four (44) FGM-148 Javelin missiles and thirty-six (36) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLUs). The following non-MDE items

will also be included: missile containers; U.S. Government technical assistance; Enhanced Producibility Basic Skills Trainers (EPBST); training; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$46 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by improving the security and capabilities of Ireland to support its participation in peacekeeping missions with the United Nations and NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

The proposed sale will enhance Ireland's capability to build its long-term defense capacity to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity to meet its national defense requirements. Ireland will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors will be the Javelin Joint Venture between Lockheed Martin, located in Orlando, FL, and RTX Corporation, located in Tucson, AZ. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

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

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-27

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

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Javelin Weapon System is a medium-range, man-portable, shoulder-launched, fire-and-forget anti-tank system for infantry, scouts, and combat engineers. It may also be mounted on a variety of platforms including vehicles, aircraft, and watercraft. The system weighs 49.5 pounds and has a maximum range in excess of 2,500 meters. The system is highly lethal against tanks and other systems with conventional and reactive armors and possesses a secondary capability against bunkers.

2. Javelin's key technical feature is the use of fire-and-forget technology that allows the gunner to fire and immediately relocate or take cover. Additional special features are the top attack and direct fire modes, an advanced tandem warhead and imaging infrared seeker, target lock-on before launch, and soft launch from enclosures or covered fighting positions. The Javelin missile also has a minimum smoke motor to decrease the likelihood of detection on the battlefield.

3. The Javelin Weapon System is comprised of two major tactical components, a reusable Light Weight Command Launch Unit (LwCLU) and a missile contained in a disposable launch tube assembly. The LwCLU incorporates an integrated day/night sight that provides target engagement capability in adverse weather and countermeasure environments and may also be used in a stand-alone mode for battlefield surveillance and target detection. The LwCLU's thermal sight is a 3rd generation forward looking infrared sensor. The LwCLU also serves to upload missile software updates.

4. The Javelin missile is autonomously guided to the target using an imaging infrared seeker and adaptive correlation tracking algorithms. This allows the gunner to take cover or reload and engage another target

after firing a missile. An onboard flight computer guides the missile to the selected target.

5. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

6. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

7. A determination has been made that Ireland can provide the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

8. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Ireland.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
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. 25-28, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Israel for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$180 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-28

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Israel.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$0.
Other \$180 million.

Total \$180 million.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case IS-B-ZMU was below congressional notification threshold at \$85.5 million (\$0 in MDE) and included Eitan 8V199TE21-D powerpack engines and engine components; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance; contractor non-recurring engineering; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The Government of Israel has requested that the case be amended to include additional 8V199TE21-D powerpack engines and engine components. This amendment will cause the case to exceed the notification threshold, and thus notification of the entire program is required. The above notification requirements are combined as follows:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will be included: Eitan 8V199TE21-D powerpack engines and engine components; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance; contractor non-recurring engineering; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (IS-B-ZMU).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

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

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 14, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Israel—Eitan Powerpack Engines

The Government of Israel has requested to buy additional Eitan 8V199TE21-D powerpack engines and engine components that will be added to a previously implemented case whose value was under the congressional notification threshold. The original Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case, valued at \$85.5 million (\$0 in MDE), included Eitan 8V199TE21-D powerpack engines and engine components; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance; contractor non-recurring engineering; and other related elements of logistics and program support. This notification is for a combined notification of non-MDE Eitan 8V199TE21-D powerpack engines and engine components; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance; contractor nonrecurring engineering; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$180 million.

The United States is committed to the security of Israel, and it is vital to U.S. national interests to assist Israel to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives.

The proposed sale will enhance Israel's capability to meet current and future threats by improving its ability to defend Israel's borders, vital infrastructure, and population centers.

This proposed sale will increase the interoperability with U.S. forces and conveys U.S. commitment to Israel's security and armed forces modernization. Israel will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Rolls-Royce Solutions America, Inc., located in

Novi, MI. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

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

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

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
*Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0D-25. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 22-66 of December 6, 2022.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 0D-25

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(B)(5)(A), AECA)

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Republic of Korea.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 22-66; Date: December 6, 2022; Implementing Agency: Army.

(iii) Description: On December 6, 2022, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 22-66 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of eighteen (18) CH-47F helicopters; forty-two (42) T55-GA-714A engines (thirty-six (36) installed, six (6) spares); twenty-two (22) Common Missile Warning Systems (CMWS); (eighteen (18) installed, four (4) spares); and forty-four (44) secure radios, RT-1987 (thirty-six (36) installed, eight (8) spares). Also included were AN/APR-39 Radar Warning Systems; AN/ARC-220 HF Airborne Communications Systems; AN/

APX-123A IFF transponders; AN/ARN-147; AN/ARN-153; AN/APN-209; secure radios; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; repair and return; storage; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total value was \$1.5 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$1.0 billion of this total.

This transmittal reports the inclusion of the following MDE items: up to forty-four (44) Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS)/Inertial Navigation Systems (INS) EGI+429. The estimated total value of the new items is \$8.5 million. The addition of these items will not result in a net increase in cost of MDE and will remain at \$1.0 billion. The estimated total case value will remain at \$1.5 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided because the MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed sale will improve the Republic of Korea's capability to meet current and future threats.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a major ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Indo-Pacific region.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The EGI is a Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM)-based navigation platform that combines an inertial sensor assembly with a fixed reception pattern antenna GPS receiver. The EGI+429 is a self-contained navigation system providing outputs of linear and angular acceleration, linear and angular velocity, position, altitude (roll, pitch), platform azimuth, magnetic and true heading, body angular rates, time tags and Universal Time Coordinated (UTC) synchronized time. The EGI+429 accepts Radio Frequency (RF) GPS satellite transmissions and provides these signals as inputs to the Embedded GPS receiver (EGR). The EGR tracks up to twelve space vehicle (SV) signals simultaneously. The EGR supports the GPS and blended GPS/INS navigation systems. The EGI system is the primary source for position information.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 25, 2025.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0B-25. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 22-60 of November 9, 2022.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 0B-25

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(A), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Government of Lithuania.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 22-60; Date: November 9, 2022; Implementing Agency: Army.

Funding Source: National Funds and Foreign Military Financing.

(iii) Description: On November 9, 2022, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 22-60 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of eight (8) M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) Launchers; thirty-six (36) M30A2 Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS) Alternative Warhead (AW) Missile Pods with Insensitive Munitions Propulsion System (IMPS); thirty-six (36) M31A2 GMLRS Unitary High Explosive (HE) Missile Pods; thirty-six (36) XM403 Extended Range GMLRS (ER GMLRS) Alternative Warhead (AW) Missile Pods with IMPS; thirty-six (36) XM404 Extended Range GMLRS (ER GMLRS) Unitary Pods with IMPS; and eighteen (18) M57 Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) Missile Pods. Also included were M28A2 Low Cost Reduced Range Practice Rocket (LCRRPR) pods; International Field Artillery Tactical Data System (IFATDS); battle management system Vehicle Integration Kits; ruggedized laptops; training equipment publications for HIMARS and munitions; and other related elements of program and logistics support. The estimated total value was \$495 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$440 million of this total.

This transmittal reports the correction of the previous designation of the International Field Artillery Tactical Data System (IFATDS) from non-MDE to MDE. Because reporting the quantity of MDE items is required, this transmittal also reports the quantity of eighteen (18) for the IFATDS. The following non-MDE items will also be included: communications equipment, including AN/PRC-160 and AN/PRC-167 radios and associated accessories and training; Defense Advanced Global Positioning System (GPS) Receivers (DAGRs); AN/PYQ-10 Simple Key Loaders; and other related elements of program and logistics support. The estimated total cost of the new items is \$21.5 million. The estimated total cost of the new MDE items is \$11.5 million, but will not result in a net increase in total cost of MDE, which will remain at \$440 million. The estimated total cost of new non-MDE items is \$10 million, but will not result in a net increase in total cost of non-MDE, which will remain at \$55 million. The estimated total case value will remain at \$495 million.

(iv) Significance: This report corrects an error included in the original notification and includes additional non-MDE items that increase the sensitivity of technology. The

proposed sale will improve Lithuania's capability to deter current and future threats to support coalition operations, as well as promote its interoperability with United States and other NATO forces.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO Ally that is an important force for ensuring peace and stability in Europe.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The IFATDS is a multi-service (U.S. Army and Marine Corps) automated, expert decision support system used for command, control, communications, and integration and synchronization of fires on ground targets during all phases of military conflict. The IFATDS provides the automated tools that significantly augment the capability of fire support coordinators, fire support asset commanders, and their respective staffs at every echelon during the planning and execution of fire support on dynamic battlefields.

The AN/PRC-160 radio is a tactical wide-band high frequency (HF)/very high frequency (VHF) transceiver providing Type 1 encryption and Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) GPS location and timing capabilities. The system operates at variable frequencies and uses various standard waveforms.

The AN/PRC-167 is a multi-domain multi-channel tactical narrow and wide-band dual transceiver radio system providing Type 1 encryption and SAASM GPS location and timing capabilities. Each transceiver is software programmable and operates at variable frequencies and uses various standard waveforms.

The DAGR is a small commercial Navigation Satellite Timing and Ranging (NAVSTAR) GPS receiver designed for military operations. The Selective Availability/Anti Spoofing Module (SAASM) is a security device controlling the encryption that enables Precise Positioning Service (PPS) and resists adversary attempts to spoof GPS signals. The DAGR with SAASM will provide position and location information necessary for ground-based operations.

The Simple Key Loader (SKL) is a ruggedized and portable hand-held device for securely receiving, storing, and transferring data between compatible cryptographic and communications equipment.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 24, 2025.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
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. 25-12, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Kingdom of Morocco for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$825 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-12

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: Kingdom of Morocco.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment * \$552 million.
Other \$273 million.
Total \$825 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): Up to six hundred (600) FIM-92K Stinger Block I missiles.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will also be included: U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (MO-B-UVA).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 15, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Kingdom of Morocco—FIM-92K Stinger
Block I Missiles

The Kingdom of Morocco has requested to buy up to six hundred (600) FIM-92K Stinger Block I Missiles. The following non-MDE items will also be included: U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$825 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a major non-NATO ally that continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in North Africa.

The proposed sale will improve Morocco's capability to meet current and future threats. Morocco intends to use these defense articles and services to modernize its armed forces and expand its existing army short range air defense options. This will contribute to the Moroccan Army's goals of updating capability and further enhancing interoperability with the U.S. and other allies. Morocco will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be RTX Corporation, located in Tucson, AZ; and Lockheed Martin, located in Syracuse, NY. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

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

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-12

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

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The FIM-92K Stinger Block I missile is a lightweight, self-contained air defense system that can be rapidly deployed by ground troops. Its seeker and guidance systems enable the weapon to acquire, track, and engage a target with one shot.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that the Kingdom of Morocco can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

4. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Kingdom of Morocco.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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.

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

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
*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. 25-35, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the Netherlands for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$2.19 billion. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-35

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 the Netherlands.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment \$0.95 billion.

Other \$ 1.24 billion.

Total \$2.19 billion.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to one hundred sixty-three (163) Tomahawk Block V All Up Rounds (AURs).

Twelve (12) Tomahawk Block IV AURs.

Up to ten (10) Tactical Tomahawk Weapons Control Systems (TTWCS).

Up to two (2) Tomahawk Block IV telemetry missiles.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will also be included: satellite data link terminals (KIV-18A); integrated secure broadcast systems (KSX-5); communications security devices (KGV-135A); technical, programmatic, engineering, and logistical support for the Tomahawk AUR missiles, TTWCS, and Mission Distribution Software; missile containers; software; hardware; training; training devices; unscheduled missile maintenance; spares; in-service support; communication equipment; operational flight test; publications; engineering and technical expertise to maintain the capability; non-recurring engineering; transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (NE-P-AGR, NE-P-AGS, NE-P-AGT).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: NE-P-LHV.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 25, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

The Netherlands—Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles

The Government of the Netherlands has requested to buy up to one hundred sixty-three (163) Tomahawk Block V All Up Rounds (AURs); twelve (12) Tomahawk Block IV AURs; up to ten (10) Tactical Tomahawk Weapons Control Systems (TTWCS); and up to two (2) Tomahawk Block IV telemetry missiles. The following non-MDE items will also be included: satellite data link terminals (KIV-18A); integrated secure broadcast systems (KSX-5); communications security

devices (KGV-135A); technical, programmatic, engineering, and logistical support for the Tomahawk AUR missiles, TTWCS, and Mission Distribution Software; missile containers; software; hardware; training; training devices; unscheduled missile maintenance; spares; in-service support; communication equipment; operational flight test; publications; engineering and technical expertise to maintain the capability; non-recurring engineering; transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$2.19 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve the Netherlands' capability to meet current and future threats by utilizing long-range, conventional surface-to-surface missiles with significant standoff range that can neutralize growing threats. The Netherlands will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be RTX Corporation, located in Tucson, AZ. There are known offset requirements associated with this sale. See the attached annex for further details.

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

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-35

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

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Tomahawk Block IV and V All Up Round (AUR) is a Tomahawk cruise missile assembled in a canister for surface launch. Tomahawk Block IV and V capabilities include increased system flexibility; improved system response times; improved lethality against an increased target set; improved accuracy; improved anti-jam GPS receiver with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) capability; enhanced availability due to a 15-year maintenance interval; and two-way communications between missile and strike or missile controllers via ultra high frequency (UHF) Satellite Communications (SATCOM).

a. The two-way communication capability, provided by the Satellite Data Link Terminal (SDLT), enables mission planners and the strike or missile controllers to issue in-flight missile retargeting commands and receive in-flight missile status and information transmissions.

b. The Tactical Tomahawk Weapon Control System (TTWCS) provides command and control, targeting, mission planning, and distribution functions.

c. The Tomahawk Block IV telemetry missiles are test missiles to be launched from Netherlands' air defense and command frigates to certify the platform ahead of initial operational capability.

d. The SDLT (KIV-18A) inside the Block IV Tomahawk is a UHF SATCOM terminal used for data communications between the missile and strike or missile controller via satellite.

e. The Integrated Secure Broadcast Systems (KSX-5) satellite radio inside the Block

V TLAM communicates via the Advanced Communications Architecture (ACA). It provides increased bandwidth, capacity, reliability, and resiliency over the previous SDLT radio. It is used for data communications between the missile and strike or missile controller via satellite and network service provider.

f. The communications security devices (KGV-135A) inside the Block IV telemetry missiles provide telemetry data during a test launch event.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that the Netherlands can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of the Netherlands.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
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. 25-20, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the Philippines for defense services estimated to cost \$120 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-20

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 the Philippines.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$0.
Other \$120 million.
Total \$120 million.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: TH-73A training helicopters; aircraft simulator; spare engines; pack up kits; fuel tanks; aircraft hoists and lifts; commercial avionics; commercial flight management systems; commercial Global Positioning Systems; shipping containers; support and test equipment; consumables and accessories; integration and test support; repair and return support; spare and repair parts; unclassified software delivery and support; unclassified publications and technical documentation; personnel training and commercial training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, logistics, and transportation support services, including in-country representative support; studies and surveys; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (PI-P-SDJJ).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

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

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 15, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Philippines—TH-73A Training Helicopters and Support

The Government of the Philippines has requested to buy the following defense articles and services: TH-73A training helicopters; aircraft simulator; spare engines; pack up kits; fuel tanks; aircraft hoists and lifts; commercial avionics; commercial flight management systems; commercial Global Positioning Systems; shipping containers; support and test equipment; consumables and accessories; integration and test support; repair and return support; spare and repair parts; unclassified software delivery and support; unclassified publications and technical documentation; personnel training and commercial training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, logistics, and transportation support services, including in-country representative support; studies and surveys; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$120 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a strategic partner that continues to be an important force for political stability, peace, and economic progress in Southeast Asia.

The proposed sale will improve the Philippines' capability to meet current and future threats by providing an aircraft platform that will serve as the primary method of improving pilot training and skills, thus helping to ensure the development of a proficient rotary wing aviator corps. The Phil-

ippines will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be Agusta Westland Philadelphia Corporation (Leonardo), located in Philadelphia, PA. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of up to four additional U.S. Government and up to four U.S. contractor representatives to the Philippines for a duration of up to three years to support helicopter introduction, familiarization, fielding, and training.

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

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
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. 25-19, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Romania for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$280 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-19

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 Romania.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$180 million.
Other \$100 million.
Total \$280 million.

Funding Source: National Funds and Foreign Military Financing.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles and/or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment:

One (1) AN/MPQ-65 Configuration 3+ Increment 3 radar set.

One (1) AN/MSQ-132 Engagement Control Station.

Two (2) M903 launching stations.

One (1) Electrical Power Plant (EPP) III.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will also be included: launching station modification kits; PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) Missile Segment Enhancement launcher conversion kit; generators; generator spare parts; prime movers; spare parts for prime movers; KG-250X encryptor; AN/TPX-57v1 identification friend or foe (IFF); KIV-77 encryptor; personnel communication equipment training; Defense Advanced Global Positioning Systems Receivers (DAGRs); U.S. Government and contractor representative technical assistance; engineering and logistics support services; publications and technical documentation; classified software; classified books and publications; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (RO-B-UHD).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: RO-B-UEM.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 28, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Romania—PATRIOT Air Defense System

The Government of Romania has requested to buy one (1) AN/MPQ-65 Configuration 3+ Increment 3 radar set; one (1) AN/MSQ-132 Engagement Control Station; two (2) M903 launching stations; and one (1) Electrical Power Plant (EPP) III. The following non-MDE items will also be included: launching station modification kits; PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) Missile Segment Enhancement launcher conversion kit; generators; generator spare parts; prime movers; spare parts for prime movers; KG-250X encryptor; AN/TPX-57v1 identification friend or foe (IFF); KIV-77 encryptor; personnel communication equipment training; Defense Advanced Global Positioning Systems Receivers (DAGRs); U.S. Government and contractor representative technical assistance; engineering and logistics support services; publications and technical documentation; classified software; classified books and publications; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$280 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is an important force for political and economic stability in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Romania's capability to meet current and future threats by enabling it to field a credible force to deter adversaries and support its participation in NATO operations. Romania will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be RTX Corporation, located in Andover, MA, and Lock-

heed Martin, located in Bethesda, MD. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require approximately five U.S. Government and five U.S. contractor representatives to travel to Romania for a duration of up to three years to support equipment fielding and training.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-19

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

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AN/MPQ-65 Configuration 3+ Increment 3 PATRIOT radar set (RS) consists of a multifunction phased-array radar mounted on a semitrailer. The RS is powered by the Electric Power Plant (EPP) and monitored and controlled by the Engagement Control Station (ECS). The AN/MPQ-65 RS provides airspace surveillance, detection, target tracking, identification, missile tracking, missile guidance, and electronic counter-countermeasures. It has the capability to track a wide variety of targets under saturation raid conditions and support the simultaneous operation of multiple PATRIOT missiles to defend against a threat.

2. The AN/MSQ-132 Configuration 3+ Increment 3 ECS provides operational control of the PATRIOT Fire Unit (FU). The ECS exchanges FU initialization data, defense readiness conditions, states of alert, target evaluation data, engagement-related data, and ECS status with the Information and Coordination Central.

3. The M903 LS is a mobile tactical unit that transports, aims, and launches the PATRIOT Guidance Enhanced Missile (GEM-T) and PATRIOT Advanced Capability-3 (PAC-3) missiles. The LS is controlled from the Engagement Control Station (ECS) via the Data Link Terminal network.

4. The Power Generation Equipment Electric Power Plant (EPP) III provides tactical power for the ECS and RS. The EPP consists of two 15-kilowatt generator sets which are interconnected through the power distribution unit.

5. The KG-250X encryptor is a rugged, flexible, low-size, weight, and power (SWAP), highspeed inline network encryptor. It is used to secure sensitive data on military and government networks by encrypting network traffic, allowing for secure communication in high-risk environments.

6. The identification friend or foe (IFF) is an identification system designed for command and control. It enables military and civilian air traffic control interrogation systems to identify aircraft, vehicles, or forces as friendly, and to determine its bearing and range from the interrogator. The AN/TPX-57(V1) with KIV-77 encryptor is an Air Defense Interrogator (ADI) that is used to classify and re-classify targets in IFF systems.

7. The Defense Advanced Global Positioning System (GPS) Receiver (DAGR) is a small, commercial, NAVSTAR GPS receiver designed for military operations. The Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) is a security device controlling the encryption that enables Precise Positioning Service (PPS) Y-code signals from GPS satellites and resists adversary attempts to spoof GPS signals. The DAGR with SAASM will provide position and location information necessary for ground-based operation. The DAGR has a graphical screen, 12-channel

continuous satellite tracking, simultaneous L1/L2 dual frequency GPS signal reception, and extended performance in a diverse jamming environment.

8. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

9. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

10. A determination has been made that Romania can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

11. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Romania.

TRIBUTE TO NOEL SIMPSON

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Noel Simpson, senior director of the Rhode Island Student Loan Authority (RISLA), on his upcoming retirement and thank him for his more than three decades of service dedicated to Rhode Island students, families, and educators.

Noel joined RISLA as a consultant in 1993. At the time, Noel was one of just the handful of employees managing the duties of the organization. Over the next several years, Noel led the rapid expansion of RISLA, developing a full team of professional staff and allowing the organization to become a leading voice on student loans and financial services in Rhode Island. As RISLA grew, Noel's career did as well, with Noel rising through the ranks and being named chief financial officer, deputy director, and eventually senior director.

For the last 25 years, I have been proud to team up with Noel and RISLA to host our annual "Financial Aid Nights." These workshops are dedicated to giving college-bound students and families a chance to learn firsthand from student aid experts about how to access financial aid opportunities for college. Students learn about financial aid eligibility criteria and the application process, such as completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The goal of this workshop is to educate students who need help paying for college, helping students navigate complicated and unfamiliar financial decisions. Noel has regularly served as moderator for these sessions, sharing his deep expertise and enthusiasm for student aid and financial literacy and making higher education more accessible.

Indeed, Noel has been instrumental in bringing a variety of resources to college hopeful students throughout the Ocean State. For many years, Noel brought College Planning Sunday to Rhode Island, where high school seniors gathered to learn about how to

apply for financial aid. Noel also spearheaded the creation of RISLA's College Planning Center, a free service that works directly with thousands of students to guide them through the college application process, including everything from writing a strong essay to selecting a college that best fits their goals. As the father of a high school senior, I can personally attest to the invaluable service the College Planning Center provides.

Today, RISLA helps thousands of Rhode Islanders plan for and finance college, a number that has grown exponentially under Noel's leadership. His dedication has opened the door of higher education for a generation of Rhode Islanders. That is a legacy that has made a difference for our State and for students and families.

I join so many of Noel's colleagues and peers in thanking him for his friendship and kindness and in wishing him a happy and healthy retirement, filled with new adventures, in the company of his wife Patti and their children. He has earned it.

RECOGNIZING THE ROBERT J. DOLE VA MEDICAL CENTER AND THE CITY OF WICHITA

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President. I rise today to recognize the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center and the city of Wichita for their exceptional commitment to providing world-class healthcare to our Nation's veterans.

Recently, Wichita was recognized as the top city in the Nation for veterans' healthcare. This recognition highlights the unwavering dedication of the staff of the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center and city leadership in delivering accessible, high-quality, and compassionate healthcare to those who served our country.

For the second year in a row, the Dole VA received the maximum 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services—a remarkable achievement that places the Dole VA in the top 8 percent of hospitals nationwide. This 5-star rating highlights the Dole VA's commitment to not only meet but exceed the standards of the healthcare industry.

In addition to the 5-star rating, the Dole VA ranked first among 132 VA hospitals nationwide for access to specialty care. It offers the shortest average wait time in the country for existing patients to see a cardiologist—just 3.8 days. The Dole VA also ranks second in the Nation for both routine specialty care access, at 95 percent, and urgent specialty care access, at 90 percent. Additionally, it holds the third-shortest wait time for new patients seeking pulmonology services. These accomplishments are a testament to the outstanding leadership and the tireless dedication of the staff at the Dole VA.

The city of Wichita is also playing a vital role in providing care for our Nation's veterans, particularly in the

area of mental health. Wichita ranks fifth in the Nation for access to mental health services, offering the seventh shortest average wait time for existing patients to access care—just 0.3 days—and the ninth shortest for new patients, at only 1.4 days. Additionally, Wichita ranks sixth nationally in overall hospital care quality and holds the eighth shortest wait time for existing patients seeking primary care. These distinctions reflect a city deeply committed to ensuring those in need receive the high-quality healthcare necessary.

As a country, we owe a great debt to those who served, and the Dole VA and the city of Wichita are setting the standard for how that debt should be paid. I now ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center and the city of Wichita for these exceptional achievements. Furthermore, I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking the dedicated healthcare workforce in Wichita for their unwavering commitment to serving those who have worn the uniform.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING MIKE MOLSTEAD MOTORS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Mike Molstead Motors of Charles City, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1982, while attending the University of Northern Iowa and playing football, Mike Molstead began selling cars at a local dealership in Cedar Falls, IA. He worked his way up to general sales manager before deciding to open his own dealership. In 1995, encouraged by his wife Paula and with the financial backing of two friends, Mike opened Mike Molstead Motors in Charles City, IA, and purchased the entire business within a year. In the early days of operation, Molstead Motors primarily sold General Motors cars, but in 1997, the dealership outgrew its downtown location and moved to the outskirts of Charles City to make room for Chevrolet, Buick, and Cadillac vehicles. In 2012, shortly after an expansion to sell Ford vehicles, Mike acquired a neighboring Chrysler dealership and opened a second location across the street. In 2021, the growing business further expanded its lineup by adding GMC trucks to the new Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram center.

Today, Mike Molstead Motors continues to operate from two locations in Charles City and employs over 75 loyal team members across three core divisions: sales, service and parts, and detailing. The business's emphasis on

real-time market pricing and personalized financing, in addition to top-tier auto repair and detail servicing, cemented the dealership's positive reputation across Iowa. Today, Mike's sons have stepped up to take part in the family business. Jordan and Josh serve as vice presidents of the company, Jackson works as a sales manager, and Jared—alongside his wife Kelly—leads the business development center.

Beyond the business, Mike Molstead Motors maintains a strong presence in the greater Charles City area. As a former football and basketball coach at the local high school, Mike is proud to have contributed over \$400,000 to Charles City schools over the years, including a \$150,000 donation to complete a new gym at Charles City Middle School. Mike Molstead Motors also recently collaborated with other local businesses to donate over \$36,000 to the Charles City Police Department to purchase specialized ballistic equipment, in addition to frequently loaning cars to local law enforcement for canine training sessions. In recent years, the business has partnered with the Waterloo Black Hawks for Hockey Fights Cancer Night, donating over \$10,000 to the American Cancer Society this past February. The dealership regularly hosts fundraisers like Ford Drive 4 UR School and participates in community associations, including the Charles City Chamber of Commerce, the Charles City Area Development Corporation, and the Charles City Lions Club. In 2023, CarGurus named Mike Molstead Motors a Top-Rated Dealer and awarded the dealership with their third Customer First Award for Excellence. In 2021, TIME Magazine named Mike as a top five national finalist for the TIME Dealer of the Year award.

The entrepreneurial drive and commitment to community demonstrated by Mike Molstead Motors is clear. As they celebrate their 30th anniversary this year, I want to congratulate the Molstead family and the entire team at Mike Molstead Motors for their hard work and leadership in both business and service. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING WILTON CANDY KITCHEN

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Wilton Candy Kitchen of Wilton, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

After attending Iowa's Wilton Fair, Gus Nopoulos and his friend inquired about renting the recently closed confectionery that still housed a soda fountain and its original fixtures. Shortly thereafter, Gus opened the Candy Kitchen on June 10, 1910, delighting customers with Cherry Cokes,

hand-dipped ice cream, homemade chocolate, and more. When Gus moved here, he only knew two English words—"thank you"—but built the Candy Kitchen into a cornerstone of the community, enduring the Great Depression and World War II.

What began as a dream and cost \$8 per month in rental space, turned into a reality for Gus through hard work and perseverance. In 1946, Gus' son George returned from World War II and purchased the Candy Kitchen alongside his wife Thelma. For over 66 years, the couple operated the parlor. Over the years, the Nopoulos family ensured that the Candy Kitchen thrived through generations of change. In 2015, Lynn and Brenda Ochiltree assumed ownership and have preserved the business as an American time capsule with original booths, mirrors, and the 1951 marble soda fountain that is still used to this day. The couple, along with eight community employees, manages the store 7 days a week. The Candy Kitchen serves up all things sweet, including a handmade soda fountain, hot chocolate, ice cream, and savory favorites such as sandwiches and chicken salad.

Today, the eighth generation of patrons still has the Candy Kitchen to call home, just as their great-grandparents did. The Candy Kitchen is believed to be the oldest ongoing ice cream parlor and soda fountain in the United States. The business has received statewide and national attention, including coverage from Iowa Public Television and multiple nominations for USA Today's "Best Candy Store in America." In 2024, Brenda Ochiltree was recognized by the Iowa Restaurant Association as one of "40 Women to Watch" in the industry.

The Ochiltrees continue to support historical preservation efforts by founding the Wilton Archives, a non-profit dedicated to documenting the city's history. The Candy Kitchen is actively involved in the Wilton community through the chamber of commerce, Wilton Historical Society, and the Wilton Alumni Association. Additionally, each spring, the Ochiltrees treat more than 700 students throughout the Wilton elementary and junior high schools to an ice cream day where students across the county can learn about Wilton and the Candy Kitchen's rich history while enjoying free ice cream. In June, the Wilton Candy Kitchen will proudly celebrate its 115th anniversary this year.

The entrepreneurial spirit and community commitment shown by the Candy Kitchen is clear. I want to congratulate Lynn and Brenda Ochiltree, the Nopoulos, and all who have helped preserve this slice of Americana. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success for generations to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2004(b), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation: Ms. STEFANIK of New York.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Ms. STEFANIK of New York and Mr. NUNN of Iowa.

The message further announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Chair, Mr. VALADAO of California, Mr. GIMENEZ of Florida, Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona, and Ms. DE LA CRUZ of Texas.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-773. A communication from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AK08) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-774. A communication from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions and Modifications to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AK04) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 10, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-775. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13338 with respect to Syria;

to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-776. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13667 with respect to the Central African Republic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-777. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13894 with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-778. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of 2-Methyl AP-237 in Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-1245) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-779. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Etodesnitazene, N-Pyrrolidino Etonitazene, and Protonitazene in Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-900) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-780. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Extension of Temporary Placement of Butonitazene, Flunitazene, and Metodesnitazene in Schedule I of the Controlled Substances Act" (Docket No. DEA-900E) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-781. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Butonitazene, Flunitazene, and Metodesnitazene in Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-900N) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-782. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Ethylphenidate in Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-1142) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-783. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Zuranolone in Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-1258) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-784. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of N-Desethyl Isotonitazene and N-Piperidinyl Etonitazene in Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-1143) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 24, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-785. A communication from the Acting Chair of the Administrative Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report entitled "Equal Access to Justice Act Awards Report to Congress Fiscal Year 2024"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-786. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-787. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-788. A communication from the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure that have been adopted by the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, without amendment:

S. 28. A bill to require the disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices (Rept. No. 119-13).

S. 98. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a vetting process for prospective applicants for high-cost universal service program funding (Rept. No. 119-14).

S. 314. A bill to prohibit unfair and deceptive advertising of prices for hotel rooms and other places of short-term lodging, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-15).

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 257. A bill to improve the resilience of critical supply chains, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-16).

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 86. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 (XXVI) and the harmful conflation of China's "One China Principle" and the United States' "One China Policy".

S. Res. 98. A resolution condemning Beijing's destruction of Hong Kong's democracy and rule of law.

S. Res. 106. A resolution supporting the goals of International Women's Day.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 555. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to establish a national registry of Korean American divided families, and for other purposes.

S. 821. A bill to provide for increased reporting regarding Department of State Taiwan guidelines.

S. 842. A bill to counter efforts by Hezbollah to conduct terrorist activities in Latin America, and for other purposes.

By Mr. RISCH, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment:

S. 860. A bill to modify the information about countries exporting methamphetamine that is included in the annual International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, to require a report to Congress on the seizure and production of certain illicit drugs, to impose sanctions with respect to the production and trafficking into the United States, of synthetic opioids, and for other purposes.

S. 868. A bill to support democracy and the rule of law in Georgia, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. MORENO):

S. 1498. A bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prohibit transactions involving certain financial instruments by Members of Congress; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Mr. BOOKER):

S. 1499. A bill to establish a program awarding competitive grants to organizations administering entrepreneurial development programming to currently incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals, and other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mrs. BRITT, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. 1500. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to prohibit group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage from imposing cost-sharing requirements with respect to diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. BRITT, and Mr. COONS):

S. 1501. A bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to improve the prevention of the spread of animal diseases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HUSTED:

S.J. Res. 50. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program for Appliance Standards: Certification Requirements, Labeling Requirements, and Enforcement Provisions for Certain Consumer Products and Commercial Equipment"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. BOOKER):

S. Res. 183. A resolution designating the month of April 2025 as "Earth Month" and expressing support for environmental stewardship and climate action; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 29

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 29, a bill to make daylight saving time permanent, and for other purposes.

S. 46

At the request of Mrs. SHAHEEN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 46, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand eligibility for the refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan.

S. 100

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 100, a bill to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act.

S. 128

At the request of Mr. LEE, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 128, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 186

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 186, a bill to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions.

S. 193

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 193, a bill to repeal the Alien Enemies Act.

S. 214

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 214, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the rate of the special pension payable to Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes.

S. 310

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 310, a bill to establish a grant program to address the crisis in accessing affordable housing and child care through the co-location of housing and child care, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. BOOKER) and the Senator from

Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) were added as cosponsors of S. 339, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 410

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, and for other purposes.

S. 465

At the request of Mr. HOEVEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 465, a bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interconnection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes.

S. 478

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 478, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system.

S. 533

At the request of Mr. PAUL, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 533, a bill to preserve and protect the free choice of individual employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations, or to refrain from such activities.

S. 556

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 556, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in logistical transactions and sanctions evasion relating to oil, gas, liquefied natural gas, and related petrochemical products from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to repeal the small business loan data collection requirements under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

S. 558

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 558, a bill to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes.

S. 574

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from Maryland

(Ms. ALSOBROOKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 574, a bill to amend the Animal Health Protection Act to provide compensation for poultry growers and layers in control areas, and for other purposes.

S. 587

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 587, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 615

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST) was added as a cosponsor of S. 615, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise taxes on taxable chemicals and taxable substances.

S. 756

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. HICKENLOOPER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 756, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain postsecondary credentialing expenses as qualified higher education expenses for purposes of 529 accounts.

S. 949

At the request of Mr. KELLY, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 949, a bill to ensure that the National Park Service is fully staffed, and for other purposes.

S. 970

At the request of Mr. REED, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 970, a bill to establish a pilot program to improve the family self-sufficiency program, and for other purposes.

S. 978

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Ms. BALDWIN) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 978, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to establish a mortgage insurance program for first responders, and for other purposes.

S. 997

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) were added as cosponsors of S. 997, a bill to enhance the security operations of the Transportation Security Administration and stability of the transportation security workforce by applying the personnel system under title 5, United States Code, to employees of the Transportation Security Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 1032

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from South

Carolina (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF), the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY), the Senator from Michigan (Ms. SLOTKIN), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1032, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay for disability retirees with combat-related disabilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1141

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1141, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for certain casualty losses of uncut timber.

S. 1144

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care.

S. 1232

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1232, a bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to issue an occupational safety and health standard that requires covered employers within the health care and social service industries to develop and implement a comprehensive workplace violence prevention plan, and for other purposes.

S. 1238

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1238, a bill to ensure an equitable geographic distribution of projects selected through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

S. 1261

At the request of Mr. SCHATZ, the names of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) and the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1261, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth services, and for other purposes.

S. 1277

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1277, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part.

S. 1300

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1300, a bill to reauthorize

the Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program Authorization Act of 2018, and for other purposes.

S. 1316

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1316, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide that COPS grant funds may be used for local law enforcement recruits to attend schools or academies if the recruits agree to serve in precincts of law enforcement agencies in their communities.

S. 1326

At the request of Ms. ERNST, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1326, a bill to prevent States and local jurisdictions from interfering with the production and distribution of agricultural products in interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

S. 1347

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1347, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make college affordable and accessible by expanding access to dual or concurrent enrollment programs and early college high school programs.

S. 1404

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0) were added as cosponsors of S. 1404, a bill to combat organized crime involving the illegal acquisition of retail goods and cargo for the purpose of selling those illegally obtained goods through physical and online retail marketplaces.

S. 1420

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) and the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 1420, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to increase the amount of reimbursements under the child and adult care food program, and for other purposes.

S. 1447

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 1447, a bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve the child and adult care food program, and for other purposes.

S. 1481

At the request of Mr. WICKER, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1481, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate advance refunding bonds.

S. CON. RES. 6

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.

MORAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 6, a concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that tax-exempt fraternal benefit societies have historically provided and continue to provide critical benefits to the people and communities of the United States.

S. RES. 149

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN), the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN) and the Senator from Delaware (Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 149, a resolution designating April 2025 as "Second Chance Month".

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 183—DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 AS "EARTH MONTH" AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND CLIMATE ACTION

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SCHIFF, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 183

Whereas Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970, and is an annual event to promote environmental citizenship and year-round environmental action, and to commit citizens to leave behind a healthier world for the next generation;

Whereas the first celebration of Earth Day was the largest environmental grassroots event ever held at that time and is widely credited with launching the modern environmental movement;

Whereas the voices of inaugural Earth Day participants galvanized an unparalleled period of legislative and grassroots activity that changed the way we interact with the environment, leading to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of legislation, such as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly referred to as the "Clean Water Act" (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.), and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.);

Whereas the work that those inaugural Earth Day participants started continues today;

Whereas climate change is happening at an accelerating rate, with global temperatures rising faster than ever before, driven by human activities and particularly by emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases;

Whereas there is scientific consensus that climate change poses a dire threat to our planet and its inhabitants, and that urgent and unprecedented changes are needed to mitigate its worst effects;

Whereas there is substantial scientific evidence that air pollution, extreme heat, disasters, and other climate induced impacts severely impact human health, including by increasing the risk of cancer, respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, and other illnesses and negative health impacts;

Whereas the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity has called for preserving 30 percent of the planet by 2030 to conserve and restore biodiversity, expand access to nature, and mitigate and build resilience to climate change;

Whereas all people have the right to a safe and healthy environment to live, work, learn, play, and pray;

Whereas all workers have a right to a safe and healthy work environment without being forced to choose between an unsafe livelihood and unemployment;

Whereas the people of the United States need to learn from and build community with Indigenous communities, including Tribal Nations, who have stewarded the land for generations and have great wisdom on preserving biodiversity;

Whereas, to deal with the climate crisis and to preserve 30 percent of the planet by 2030, the world needs more than 1 day of environmental awareness, activism, and stewardship, and everyone needs to remind people to find ways to protect the environment;

Whereas communities of color and low socio-economic status bear the disproportionate burden of the climate crisis and environmental pollution;

Whereas Earth Month provides an opportunity for people to participate in healthy outdoor activities, raise awareness, and engage in projects, initiatives, and campaigns to protect and restore the planet, such as planting trees, removing litter, cleaning up coral reefs, conserving water and energy, driving less or using public transportation or active mobility more, and other environmentally responsible actions, for more than 1 day;

Whereas Earth Month provides an opportunity to educate, inform, and remind the people of the United States—

(1) of the need to expand environmental and climate literacy, in order to not only strengthen environmental and climate protections, but also to accelerate the development of green technologies and the creation of green jobs that will benefit all; and

(2) that we must not pass a world beyond repair to our children;

Whereas Earth Month provides an opportunity to have a national celebration of our natural resources, the diversity of native plants and animals, and the power of people to steward and protect our planet; and

Whereas the mission and purpose of the original Earth Day remain relevant today and need more attention than ever: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates the month of April 2025 as Earth Month; and

(2) encourages the people of the United States to mark Earth Month by working collaboratively to—

(A) address environmental challenges large and small, from climate change to microplastics;

(B) uplift Indigenous environmental knowledge and stewardship practices;

(C) center the voices of frontline communities in the conceptualization, design, and implementation of proposed climate and environmental solutions;

(D) improve energy efficiency and move toward energy sources that reduce pollution and make our systems more fair, affordable, sustainable, clean, and reliable;

(E) educate their friends, neighbors, and elected representatives about the need for year-round environmental action; and

(F) explore, conserve, and enjoy the great outdoors of the United States.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Lahra Walker, an Energy and Natural Resources fellow with my staff, be granted floor privileges until December 31, 2025.

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

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for the 2025 first quarter Mass Mailing report is Friday, April 25, 2025. An electronic option is available on Webster that will allow forms to be submitted via a fillable PDF document. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states "none."

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SECOND CHANCE MONTH

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 149 and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 149) designating April 2025 as "Second Chance Month".

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

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

The resolution (S. Res. 149) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of April 1 (legislative day, March 31), 2025, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Calendar No. 80, David Perdue; further, that notwithstanding rule

XXII, at 11:30 a.m., the Senate vote on confirmation of the Perdue nomination and, following confirmation, the Senate vote on cloture on Calendar No. 77, Warren Stephens, and following the cloture vote, the Senate recess until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings; and that at 2:15 p.m., if cloture is invoked, the Senate vote on confirmation of the Stephens nomination, followed by cloture on Executive Calendar No. 78, Thomas Barrack; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed during Tuesday's session, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:52 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

JOSEPH L. ABRAMS
ALISON N. ALLEN
JESS T. ANDERSON
KRISTEN E. BADER
TAYLOR L. BARNETT
JARED L. BECK
JEREMY M. BERGER
ANDREW J. BERGLUND
CARL A. BEYER
SARA S. BIRDSONG
ROBERT J. BLUE
LUCAS A. BOHANNAN
DANIEL T. BOND
ALAN J. BORDON
JASMINE L. BROCK
GREGORY M. BUCHEK
JOSHUA N. BURKHARDT
MATTHEW C. BYRNE
KATHERINE H. CAMERON
WESLEY W. CARR
ERIN M. CAVERLY
ANDREW J. CHRISTENSEN
ERIK R. CLAUSEN
LINDSEY J. CLINE
PATRICK J. COLEMAN
CASSANDRA L. CRAIG
NICOLAS S. DANCUC
VIVIANA DE ASSIS
WILLIAM J. DENNIS
MAXWELL DICKEY
RACHEL L. DRALLETTE
RACHEL M. ELY
JOSHUA E. ERLANDSEN
ANGELINA J. ESCANO
GEOFFREY S. FARNSWORTH
STEVEN G. FOGGER
BENJAMIN E. FOX
TIMOTHY R. FULLAM
SHAYEF A. GABASHA
BRITAIN A. GAILLIOT
CONOR W. GRADY
KYLE B. GRIMES
JAMES J. GULLO
BRIAN M. GUZZETTI
STEPHEN S. HAHN
CHARLES F. HALLER
CAITLIN E. HAMMOND
ALEXANDRA P. HANSEN
THEODORE G. HART
KAI W. HATA
ANDREW T. HAYNES
JAMIE M. HENNIGAN
MATTHEW C. HESS
MICHAEL R. HOSSACK

JOEL J. HUGHES
DANIEL G. HURTT
SAN T. HUYNH
SHORTY A. JOHANSSON
DEVEN A. JOHNSON
CAMERON P. JONES
JANSEN C. JONES
MICHELLE L. JOSEY
EUGENE KANG
HARRIS W. KASHTAN
STEPHEN D. KASTLER
RAYMOND B. KESSLER
JAMES P. KILLORAN, JR.
MICHAEL J. KIM
ALEXANDER C. KNOBLOCH
BRANDON W. KUIPER
JOHN D. LASKOSKI
KELLY C. LASKOSKI
REBECCA A. LAUTERS
MICHELLE N. M. LEE
NICHOLAS E. LITTMAN
LYNETTE L. LURIA
MATTHEW H. LUTHMAN
LETTIA R. LYONS WATSON
SUNTHOSH P. MADIREDDI
LINDSEY L. MAHONEY
KYLE D. MAIER
LAURA M. MALCHODI
ALEXANDER BRIAN G. MARQUEZ
WILLIAM K. MCCALLUM
MASON P. MCMULLIN
BRIANNA R. MCMURRAY
BENJAMIN B. MORRIS
JEFFREY V. MYERS
ROMON E. NEELY
MATTHEW T. NEGREY
DANIEL W. NELSON
COLBY T. NEVILLE
CHRISTOPHER C. NG
BROOKE E. ORGAN
ALEXANDER D. PALADINO
ANDREW S. PAN
BROC D. PARKER
BRENT A. PASSEY
KAITLIN M. PEACE
REXFORD R. PEARCE
JUSTIN R. PETERSON
JONATHAN P. POLLOCK
IAN A. PRUDHOMME
ALYSSA PUCCIA
DAVID A. QUACKENBUSH
GENEVIEVE M. RAMBAU
DANIEL RAMSEY
ASHLEY N. REID
SHANE D. RIGGS
JARED E. ROBERTS
ANDREW R. ROMNEY
JEDDA P. RUPERT
ZACHARY J. RUPERT
CASEY M. SABBAG
RAFAEL A. SANCILLO
ANDREA C. SARCHI
KATRINA A. SAVIOLI
GEORGE M. SHAHIN
KARTIK SHENOY
JOSEPH A. SIMMERMAN
ROBERT J. SMALLEY
NICHOLAS A. SOUSARIS
CAMILLE S. STRACHANFORTE
SHELBY L. TAKESHITA
AMBER C. TAYLOR
CLAUDIA THOMAS
ANTHONY G. VANDEHEI
ANTHONY D. VINSON
LYNDSY U. VU
HEIDI N. WELCH
ANDREW M. WISHY
RICHARD G. WITTMAYER III
JOSEPH M. YABES, JR.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

MARGARET E. ABBOTT
KEVIN M. ANDREWS
RONDRE F. BALUYOT
TRAVIS D. BELLICCHI
ARIANNE G. BUNIAG
TYLER P. CODY
CHAD J. COOMBS
SCOTT A. DAVIS
CLAYTE A. FLUKE
JEFFERY Y. HENDERSON
CANDICE V. HODGES
GEOFFREY R. JOHNSTON
KRISTI N. J. KENNEDY
CLARISSA D. Y. KIM
ELIZABETH L. MORRIS
JOSHUA M. NARDONE
KHIEM NGUYEN
JESSE C. ROBERTS
KARISSA A. RUMPLE
HEATHER M. RYBAR
JOHN C. SCHLOTZ
AMANDA L. STEEN
RACHAEL L. VOIGT

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

ANTHONY J. ACETO
ALISHA L. ACOSTA
MARK O. ANDERSON

ALICE R. ARMAS
JOSHUA D. BARANOWSKI
MEGAN M. BARRETT
NATALIE N. BELVIN
HIRAL P. BHATT
MICHELLE M. BINDER
JOHN J. BRENNAN
JENNIFER E. BROWN
KEONA M. BYRD
CARL M. CALIMLIM, JR.
LINDSEY M. CANTRELL
GIRAH D. CARABALLO
GREGG T. CHANDLER
ANNA M. CRANE
ANGIE D. DENDY
YASHIKA D. EDWARDS
JENNIFER K. B. FEDERICO
CHRISTINE L. FONTINEL
CASSIE M. FOSS
SHARINA S. GALINDO
JARRETT E. GALLARDO
DAYLA K. GILLISPIE
DEBRA C. GOMES
CRYSTAL A. GOMEZ
WENDY S. GRUBER
HOLLY A. HOLKO
PATRICIA M. HUDSON
YOUSELINE JEAN LOUIS
KATIE K. JEON
MEGAN A. JOHN
TIALICKA B. JOHNSON
SAVANNAH A. JUMPP
BRITTANY R. KINSLER
DAVID C. KORNACK
JAIMIE M. LAIB
TAVIA S. LEONARD
KATHLEEN M. LLOYD
JASON W. MELVIN
CHRISTY A. R. MITCHELL
NIKKITA P. MOORE
EBONY N. MULERO
CHRISTOPHER A. NOVACK
STACEY E. O'DONNELL
KELLY J. ORIGEL
SHANNON D. PACE
DANIEL S. QUEEN
LAURA J. RANSOM
AUBREY E. REID
RANDY A. SANFORD
GALA G. SAPP
KPANBU J. SELLY
ANDREW R. SEVERNS
MEGAN E. SHAMP
JONATHAN SHIN
MELISSA C. SIMPSON
MICHELLE A. SIMPSON
KRISTINA R. STEWART
JULIANNE M. TALBOTT
JENNIFER L. TERREBONNE
SARA K. TRUITT
KASINDRA M. VAN METER
STEVEN J. VIETTI
YUSHARN WANG
NAOMI L. WINTERHELD
DIANA S. WOLCZEK HUERTA
JULIE A. YANAGIHARA
ERIC M. YOUNG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

ALEXANDER A. ADELEYE
RICARDO A. ALDAHONDO
ERIC M. BADGER
ADAM C. BERHEIDE
RASHIDA J. BROWN
NICHOLAS W. CARROLL
JOSEPH W. DONAHUE
JONATHAN M. DREW
DENNIS C. EARLY III
MICHAEL A. ESTACION
IRENE M. FERNANDEZ
RAYMOND W. FUNKE
AMY H. HARTMAN
KELSIE L. HUGHES
BRYANT S. JOHANSON
DEVIN S. KINDER
THOMAS J. KULIKOWSKY
JAMES L. LAUGHRIDGE
SEAN P. LEAHY
BEN D. LEE
CALEB J. LESSELLES
TODD G. LOEBS
KIMREN M. MALLORCA
MERRANDA J. MORENO
CHRISTINE M. MORSHED
SCOTT A. NICOL
GEORGE O. OGWELA
MARLON D. PEELER
JOSELINE PHILLIP
BRIAN J. QUINN
THOMAS F. RENFROW III
GEORGE M. RIOS II
BILAL RIZVI
CHRISTOPHER J. ROBOSKY
CZAR J. P. RODA
FATIMA T. ROSA
KRISTEN L. SHAY
MATTHEW G. STEELE
SCOTT D. SUTER
JESSICA A. SWAIM
ROBERT C. TURNER
EMILY P. WARD
BRIAN F. WATSON
NOAH C. WOOD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

IAN S. ANDERSON
CHELSEA S. ARNOLD
DANIEL A. BAZUA
AUSTIN T. BENNETT
BENJAMIN T. BISHOP
EDNY BRYANT
BENJAMIN H. CARTER
SCOTT M. CHENEY
CALLIE J. COOPER
DANIEL T. CORWIN
NATHAN J. DEMING
SEAN M. DYSON
STEPHEN R. EMMERTHAL
KAYLAEN D. EVANS
MATTHEW C. FREEMAN
IAN N. GASPAR
SONNY L. GEAR
WILLIAM T. GRIESSER
AMANDA K. GUTIERREZ
ROCHELLE K. HASE
LANDON L. HATFIELD
ALLEN W. HAUSER
CORY R. HENDERSON
CURTIS J. HOWELL
PHILLIP E. HOYT
ALLISON M. JAMES
ROBERT B. JUSTINIANO
JOHN A. KAUDERMAN, JR.
OLIVIA J. LAWSON
PHILLIP M. LOPEZ
MAIRA G. MALHABOUR
MELVIN K. MCBEAN
ANDREW S. MCCAMPBELL
JESSICA H. MCGLADE
ANH P. T. NGUYEN
SAMUEL D. OLDHAM
JESSICA S. PABON
ADAM G. PFANNENSTEIN
ANH T. PHAM
JOSHUA A. RADEL
FELIPSON Z. RAMOS, JR.
ERIC SALINAS
JESSICA J. SAN FELIPPO
LINDSEY P. SCHMELZER
RYAN M. SCOTT
KYLE P. SMITH
MAHOGANY L. SWANSON
ELIZABETH A. TESCH
MATTHEW C. THOLL
TAMESHIA S. TUFTS
LETICIA R. TURNER
DAVID P. VALENTINE
SEE S. VANG
SHANNA R. VAUGHAN
JOHN J. WANG
BRANDON O. WIELERT
ANN E. WILKINS
MATTHEW K. WILLIAMS
SOMVANG XAYARATH

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUALS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR ARMY MEDICAL CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C. SECTIONS 531 AND 7064:

To be commander

MATTHEW D. BRANDT
MARIO A. CAMPOS
DEJENE G. KASSAYE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SPECIALIST CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S. C., SECTIONS 531 AND 7064:

To be major

MISSY L. MCNEILL

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED INDIVIDUAL FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE REGULAR NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 531:

To be lieutenant commander

WENDELL C. ELDRIDGE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

ERIC M. BEALL

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

ALEXANDRA K. HOLLAND

IN THE SPACE FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant colonel

ZACHARY R. EAGLE

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE IN-

DICATED UNDER TITLE 14 U.S.C., SECTION 212(E), INCLUDING THOSE RESERVE OFFICERS WHO ARE TO BE APPOINTED AS PERMANENT COMMISSIONED OFFICERS PURSUANT TO TITLE 14 U.S.C., SECTION 2101:

To be lieutenant commander

JOSHUA S. ALLEMAN
AMES K. ALLING
DAVID Q. ANDERSON
CORY N. ARSENAULT
JESSICA J. AYER
NAKIA D. BACON
SHEENA M. BANNON
ANTHONY S. BARLETTA
MELISSA M. BARRETT
SEAN C. BARRY
MARK A. BEHNE
DANIELLE J. BENEDETTO
ROBERT J. BERNARDI IV
ADAM C. BIRCH
JUSTIN R. BIXLER
AARON C. BLACK
ERIN H. BOHNER
BLAKE E. BONIFAS
JEFFREY S. BORS
JAIME D. BRADY
ANDREW A. BRITTON
MICHAEL R. BROOKS
BRIDGET Y. BROWN
KIMBERLEE L. CAPP
JAKE V. CARLTON
KAITLIN M. CARRASQUILLO
PATRICIA M. CARROW
II
ANDREW E. CAUDILL
BENJAMIN A. CHAPMAN
CHARLES M. CHAVTUR III
JAMEL H. CHOKR
TIMOTHY M. CHRISTENSON
BRIAN J. CHRISTINA
MICHAEL A. CLANCY
BRANDON M. COLLINS
JESSE O. COLLINS
ROBERT E. COLLINS
STEVE L. CONDE
JORDAN D. CONVERSE
ROBERT R. COPELAND II
SAMANTHA E. CORCORAN
JIMMY R. CRUZ
JUSTIN S. DAVIS
VINCENT T. DEEGAN
KEVIN M. DENNINGER
ALISON G. DENNING
GABRIELLA C. DEZA
JENNIFER M. DIALS
PETER A. DIAMONTOPULOS
CHRISTIAN P. DIBARI
VLADIMIR DOMANSKIY
TRAVIS T. DOPP
MITCHELL R. DOW
BRIAN M. DUGAL
RAYMOND L. ECHEVARRIA
RAYMOND L. EFFENDI
WILLIAM H. ELLIES III
ANDREW N. ELLIS
STASIA O. ELLIS
JACK E. EMMONS
COREY J. ENGEL
JAMES D. ENGELHARDT
AILEEN I. FAGAN
AVERY A. FANNING
MICHAEL A. FIGLIOTTI
DAVIDSON K. FISHER
ELIZABETH J. FLINT
JAMES L. FORTIN
WESTON J. FORTNA
DIANE S. FRENCH
REBECCA L. FULLER - MORRIS
MICHAEL H. GAGEN II
ANTHONY R. GALLEGOS
ANDREW M. GARCIA
DEAN J. GILBERT
MEGEN M. GOLD
DANIEL R. GOMEZ
TIAGO M. GONCALVES
KATHERINE E. GRAICHEN
KELSEY E. GRAY
TANESHA GREEN-BAKER
PAUL C. GROTELUESCHEN
CHRISTOPHER J. GUERNSEY
SAMUEL R. GUINN
SHANE D. GUNDERSON
KARL A. GUNTHER
JOSHUA J. GUTHLEIN
JAMES W. HARDEY
ANNE E. HARPER
LUKE J. HARR
CODY C. HARRIS
RAHNAL D. HARRIS
JUSTIN R. HELLMAN
GARRETT R. HENDRICKSON
KATTYA R. HENNING
TVLYA R. HENNING
MITCHEL D. HERRADOR
FREEMONT Q. HINKLE
TOWNSHEND F. HIRST
VICTORIA A. HOLDER
MATTHEW J. HUMPHRYS
PETER HUTCHISON
BRETT H. IGO
ABIGAIL R. ISAACS
ANDREW J. JACOT
HANNA E. JANSSON
JONATHAN H. JESTER
VLADIMIR R. JIMENEZ
PATRICK J. JOHNSEN

EMILY R. JOHNSON
JUSTIN L. JOHNSON
RANDY L. JOHNSTON
KRISTINE M. KAHL
NICHOLAS T. KANE
E'BRIA M. KAREGA
KARISA L. KEALY
LANCE A. KECKRITZ
JOHN W. KEIFFER
TIMOTHY D. KELLY
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