

groups working to defend democracy in Venezuela.

These are bipartisan efforts, and I urge our colleagues to support them, and I urge that we bring them up as soon as possible. The situation is terrible in the country, and the situation in that chaos, especially what we have seen in Caracas, is going to get worse. Time is of the essence.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORAN). The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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 President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

[Rollcall Vote No. 180 Leg.]

YEAS—68

Alexander	Fischer	Nelson
Barrasso	Flake	Paul
Blumenthal	Gardner	Perdue
Blunt	Grassley	Portman
Boozman	Hassan	Risch
Capito	Hatch	Roberts
Cardin	Heitkamp	Rounds
Casey	Heller	Rubio
Cassidy	Hirono	Sasse
Cochran	Hoeven	Scott
Collins	Inhofe	Shaheen
Corker	Isakson	Shelby
Cornyn	Johnson	Stabenow
Cotton	Kennedy	Strange
Crapo	Klobuchar	Sullivan
Cruz	Lankford	Tester
Daines	Leahy	Thune
Donnelly	Lee	Tillis
Duckworth	McCaskill	Toomey
Durbin	McConnell	Warner
Enzi	Moran	Wicker
Ernst	Murkowski	Young
Feinstein	Murphy	

NAYS—26

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Sanders
Bennet	Harris	Schatz
Booker	Heinrich	Schumer
Brown	Kaine	Udall
Cantwell	King	Van Hollen
Carper	Manchin	Warren
Coons	Markey	Whitehouse
Cortez Masto	Murray	Wyden
Franken	Reed	

NOT VOTING—6

Burr	McCain	Merkley
Graham	Menendez	Peters

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 68, the nays are 26.

The motion is agreed to.

The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

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

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

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

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

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

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

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

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

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 17-30, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Switzerland for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$115 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

GREGORY M. KAUSNER,
Acting Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 17-30

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 35(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) (U) Prospective Purchaser: The Government of Switzerland.

(ii) (U) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment * \$25 million.
Other \$90 million.
Total \$115 million.

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

The following defense articles and services have been requested as part of a Service Life Extension Program for Switzerland's F/A-18C/D aircraft:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to fifty (50) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) with Concurrent Multi-Net 4 (CMN-4) Capability.

Non-MDE includes: Fifty (50) ARC-210 GEN 5 RT-1900A(C) radios w/Second Generation Anti-Jam Tactical UHF Radio for NATO (SATURN) frequency hopping; twenty (20) Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System (JHMCS) Night Vision Cueing Display (NVCD); CIT Automated Dependence Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) Out; software enhancements to the APG-73 radar; improvements to the F/A-18 Software Configuration Set (SCS) 29C; and sustainment for the ALQ-165 Airborne Self Protection Jammer (ASPJ) system. Operational support for these modifications will be provided through upgrades to the purchaser's unique Mission Data System. Also included are: system integration and testing; software development and integration; support equipment; spare and repair parts; maintenance personnel and pilot familiarization training; software support; publications and technical documents; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) (U) Military Department: Navy (XX-P-LAS).

(v) (U) Prior Related Cases, if any: SZ-P-LAN.

(vi) (U) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

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

(viii) (U) Date Report Delivered to Congress: July 28, 2017.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

(U) Government of Switzerland—F/A-18 Upgrades

(U) The Government of Switzerland has requested the possible sale of a Service Life

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

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 legislative 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 Kevin Christopher Newsom, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

Dan Sullivan, John Barrasso, John Cornyn, Orrin G. Hatch, Ron Johnson, Chuck Grassley, Tom Cotton, Richard Burr, James Lankford, Lamar Alexander, John Kennedy, Cory Gardner, James M. Inhofe, Michael B. Enzi, John Thune, Richard C. Shelby, Mitch McConnell.

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 Kevin Christopher Newsom, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, 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. CORNYN. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. MCCAIN).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY), and the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. LANKFORD). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 68, nays 26, as follows: