

“She told me she hadn’t eaten Cheerios since I left,” McCowan said. “But we still had lunch sometimes and I always looked forward to seeing her. She was a true friend to me. She was a good person and she was always there when you needed her.”

“Sue was not only a dedicated employee, she was also a trusted friend,” Managing Editor Denis House said. “I’ve known Sue since I first started working at The Sentinel in 1983. She used to call me her ‘work Denis’ since her husband was also named Dennis, although we spelled our names differently. She knew this community and was a wealth of information and knowledge. She loved watching her grandchildren play sports. I will miss her.”

“I was very blessed to have worked with Sue for a little over a year,” Regional Publisher Dave Eldridge said. “She was one of the classiest ladies I believe I have ever met, a conscientious worker that strived to make The Sentinel the very best it could be with every edition. Sue had a quick wit and smile and I really think she knew everyone in Laurel County, or so it seemed. Her years here made Sue a treasure that we will never be able to replace, nor would we expect to. MasterCard would refer to her as ‘priceless,’ and she was to us. She will be sorely missed and we pray for her family’s peace and comfort.”

Minton was known for her willingness to help others and her dedication to her job. She was responsible for publishing the obituaries, school news, business and church pages as well as several monthly and special publications such as the Chamber of Commerce newsletter and special sections for the World Chicken Festival, Laurel County Fair, and Laurel County Homecoming. She also participated in writing special stories for the Silver magazine (now Southeast Kentucky NOW magazine) and the annual veterans’ tribute magazine. She won a first place award in the only Kentucky Press Association contest she ever entered for her in-depth story on the Bush fire department.

Minton was well known in the community as well as with her newspaper job. Raised in Breathitt County, she met her husband, Dennis Minton, while attending Cumberland College in Williamsburg. The two married and settled on the Minton farm in eastern Laurel County in the Bush community, where they raised their daughter, Denise Griebel.

A devoted mother, she was just as devoted to her two grandchildren, Weston and Hailey. After working hours, she was on the sidelines of ball games, cheering them on and always providing that special love set aside between grandmothers and grandchildren.

Tammy Mays worked at The Sentinel Echo for five years with Minton, although she said she was also related to Minton’s husband.

“Sue was just a good soul,” Mays said. “She wasn’t just a co-worker, she was family.”

That close tie continued between the two even after Mays secured another job. But the two still communicated frequently.

Minton was known among her coworkers for her smile and dedication to producing the newspaper with timely and community related news. She had called Laurel County home since settling here and ensured that local news and people were highlighted.

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

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I was unavailable for rollcall vote No. 253, on the nomination of Trevor McFadden to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Columbia. Had I been present, I would have voted yea.

Mr. President, I was unavailable for rollcall vote No. 254, on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Amy Barrett to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. Had I been present, I would have voted nay.●

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, I was unavoidably absent due to a family issue for rollcall votes Nos. 250, 251, and 252. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on No. 250, cloture on Palk; yea on No. 251, confirmation on Palk; and yea on No. 252, cloture on McFadden.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 ENFORCEMENT FILING

Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, H. Con. Res. 71, the fiscal year 2018 congressional budget resolution, included an instruction to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Budget to file enforceable levels in the Senate in the event the budget was agreed to without the need to appoint a committee of conference on the measure. On Thursday, October 19, 2017, the Senate passed the budget by a vote of 51–48. On Thursday, October 26, 2017, the House of Representatives passed the budget without any changes on a vote of 216–212. As such, today I wish to submit the required filing found in the resolution.

Specifically, section 4113 of the fiscal year 2018 congressional budget resolution requires the chairman to file: No. 1, an allocation for fiscal year 2018 for the Committee on Appropriations; No. 2, an allocation for all committees other than the Committee on Appro-

priations for the fiscal year 2018, fiscal year 2018 to 2022, and fiscal year 2018 to 2027 periods; and No. 3, a list of accounts eligible to receive advance appropriations.

The figures included in this filing are consistent with the spending limits set forth in the Budget Control Act of 2011 and the levels included in H. Con. Res. 71, as adjusted to include the budgetary effects of legislation that were enacted after the baseline for the resolution was constructed but before passage of the resolution by the House of Representatives, pursuant to section 4205 of the resolution.

Adjustments for the budgetary effects of the following enacted legislation were included: Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanction Act, H.R. 3364; VA Choice and Quality Employment Act of 2017, S. 114; Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017, H.R. 3218; FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017, H.R. 2430; Granting the consent and approval of Congress for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia to enter into a compact relating to the establishment of the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission, H.J. Res. 76; Emergency Aid to American Survivors of Hurricanes Irma and Jose Overseas Act, H.R. 3732; Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2017, H.R. 3819; Disaster Tax Relief and Airport and Airway Extension Act of 2017, H.R. 3823; Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria Education Relief Act of 2017, S. 1866; Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 and Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2017, H.R. 601; and Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Requirement Act of 2017, H.R. 2266.

For purposes of enforcing the Senate’s pay-as-you-go rule, which is now found in section 4106 of this resolution, I am resetting the Senate’s scorecard to zero for all fiscal years.

All years in the accompanying tables are fiscal years.

I ask unanimous consent that the accompanying tables be printed in the RECORD.

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

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

(\$ Billions)

Appropriations	Budget Authority	Outlays
Revised Security Category Discretionary Budget Authority ¹	549.057	n/a
Revised Nonsecurity Category Discretionary Budget Authority ¹	552.266	n/a
General Purpose Outlays ¹	n/a	1,187.547
<i>Memo:</i>		
<i>Subtotal</i>	1,101.323	1,187.547
<i>on-budget</i>	1,095.489	1,181.682
<i>off-budget</i>	5.834	5.865
Mandatory	1,013.202	1,000.871

¹The allocation will be adjusted following the reporting of bills, offering of amendments, or submission of conference reports that qualify for adjustments to the discretionary spending limits as outlined in section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (BBEDCA). The budget authority for the revised nonsecurity category and outlays have been adjusted in this table to reflect passage of both H.R. 601 and H.R. 2266 (a combined budget authority and outlays of \$36.517 billion and \$19.662 billion, respectively), both of which included appropriations for disaster relief that were designated as emergencies pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of BBEDCA. These adjustments are allowed under section 4205 of H. Con. Res. 71, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018.

ALLOCATION OF SPENDING AUTHORITY TO SENATE COMMITTEES OTHER THAN APPROPRIATIONS *

[\$ Billions]

	2018	2018–2022	2018–2027
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:			
Budget Authority	126.308	625.801	1,286.568
Outlays	114.589	575.641	1,189.902
Armed Services:			
Budget Authority	169.680	906.589	1,856.298
Outlays	165.105	907.714	1,852.288
Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs:			
Budget Authority	22.948	110.304	218.965
Outlays	-2.113	0.549	-7.446
Commerce, Science, and Transportation:			
Budget Authority	17.855	96.091	198.319
Outlays	14.082	77.971	152.636
Energy and Natural Resources:			
Budget Authority	4.703	25.212	49.342
Outlays	4.391	24.909	49.112
Environment and Public Works:			
Budget Authority	46.833	219.114	426.774
Outlays	2.313	12.343	27.935
Finance:			
Budget Authority	2,281.616	13,510.107	32,116.900
Outlays	2,280.970	13,482.300	32,069.238
Foreign Relations:			
Budget Authority	39.543	178.314	338.121
Outlays	30.383	156.269	314.824
Homeland Security and Government Affairs:			
Budget Authority	143.970	764.213	1,648.718
Outlays	142.049	751.753	1,616.129
Judiciary:			
Budget Authority	29.616	99.853	186.772
Outlays	18.597	108.196	197.498
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:			
Budget Authority	13.009	90.244	188.101
Outlays	16.925	89.464	193.052
Rules and Administration:			
Budget Authority	0.051	0.258	0.515
Outlays	0.023	0.132	0.291
Intelligence:			
Budget Authority	0.514	2.570	5.140
Outlays	0.514	2.570	5.140
Veterans' Affairs:			
Budget Authority	98.347	580.175	1,265.095
Outlays	102.847	583.589	1,267.581
Indian Affairs:			
Budget Authority	0.325	2.048	4.504
Outlays	0.722	2.690	4.860
Small Business:			
Budget Authority	0.000	0.000	0.000
Outlays	0.000	0.000	0.000
Unassigned to Committee:			
Budget Authority	-1,001.746	-6,244.350	-15,987.270
Outlays	-963.858	-6,095.224	-15,700.813
Total			
Budget Authority	1,993.572	10,966.543	23,802.862
Outlays	1,927.539	10,680.866	23,232.227

* Includes entitlements funded in annual appropriations acts.

ACCOUNTS IDENTIFIED FOR ADVANCE
APPROPRIATIONS IN THE SENATE
FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL
GOVERNMENT

Payment to Postal Service
LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND
EDUCATION

Employment and Training Administration
Education for the Disadvantaged

School Improvement
Special Education
Career, Technical, and Adult Education
TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT

Tenant-based Rental Assistance
Project-based Rental Assistance
Memorandum: Section 4101 of H. Con. Res.
71, the congressional budget resolution for

FY 2018, provides for a point of order against
advance appropriations in the Senate Sec-
tion 4101(b) provides for several account-
level exceptions to this rule, including ad-
vance appropriations for the Corporation for
Public Broadcasting, several accounts of the
Veterans Health Administration, and the ac-
counts listed above (pursuant to Section 4205
of this year's budget resolution).

BUDGET AGGREGATES

[\$ Billions]

	2018	2018–2022	2018–2027
Figures Found in H. Con. Res. 71 Spending:			
Budget Authority	3,136.721	N.A.	N.A.
Outlays	3,131.688	N.A.	N.A.
Revenues	2,490.936	13,759.23	31,171.52
Social Security Levels:			
Outlays	849.609	4,883.048	11,654.643
Revenue	873.312	4,667.573	10,209.480
Adjustments Pursuant to Section 4205 of H. Con. Res. 71 Spending:			
Budget Authority	36.780	N.A.	N.A.
Outlays	21.753	N.A.	N.A.
Revenues	0.003	0.024	0.046
Social Security Levels:			
Outlays	0.000	0.000	0.000
Revenue	0.000	0.001	0.003
Adjusted H. Con. Res. 71 Figures Spending:			
Budget Authority	3,173.501	N.A.	N.A.
Outlays	3,153.441	N.A.	N.A.
Revenues	2,490.939	13,759.252	31,171.567
Social Security Levels:			
Outlays	849.609	4,883.048	11,654.643
Revenue	873.312	4,667.574	10,209.483

Memorandum: Aggregate figures are displayed at levels assumed in H. Con. Res. 71, as passed, with adjustments for legislation that has cleared Congress between the publication of the Congressional Budget Office's June 2017 base-line and the passage of the budget resolution. Spending and revenue aggregates have been updated to reflect the on-budget, non-section 403 emergency-designated (FY 2010 budget resolution) budgetary changes. Social Security levels reflect off-budget budgetary changes. Total figures represented here reflect levels different from those that will be enforced immediately. This is due to several factors including, but not limited to: assumed spending for cap-adjustments (section 251(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985) that have not yet occurred, the inclusion of CURES funding (which under scorekeeping practice and guidance from the 21st Century Cures Act does not count for enforcement purposes), and budgetary changes that will be held in reserve for reconciliation legislation (pursuant to section 3003 of fiscal year 2018 budget resolution).

PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARD FOR THE SENATE
(\$ Billions)

	Balances
Fiscal Year 2017	0
Fiscal Year 2018	0
Fiscal Years 2017–2022	0
Fiscal Years 2017–2027	0

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. 17-57, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Canada for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$140 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,

CHARLES W. HOOPER,
Lieutenant General, USA,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 17-57

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 Canada.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$130 million.
Other \$ 10 million.
Total \$140 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
Up to thirty-two (32) AIM-120D Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM).

Up to eighteen (18) AMRAAM Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs).

Up to four (4) AMRAAM Non-Development Item Airborne Instrumentation Unit (NDI-AIU).

Up to two (2) AMRAAM Instrumented Test Vehicles (ITV).

Up to seven (7) spare AMRAAM guidance units.

Up to four (4) spare AMRAAM control sections.

Non-MDE: Included in the sale are containers; storage and preservation; transportation; aircrew and maintenance training; training aids and equipment, spares and repair parts; warranties; weapon system support and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; software development integration, and support; system integration and testing; U.S. Government and contractor engineering technical and logistics support; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (XX-D-YDG).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: CN-D-YAE for AIM-120 AMRAAMs; CN-D-QBU for in-service support for those AMRAAMs.

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

(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: Oct 30, 2017.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Canada—AIM-120D Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM)

The Government of Canada has requested a Letter of Offer and Acceptance for the procurement of up to thirty-two (32) AIM-120D Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAMs), up to eighteen (18) AMRAAM Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs); up to four (4) AMRAAM Non-Development Item Airborne Instrumentation Unit (NDI-AIU); up to two (2) AMRAAM Instrumented Test Vehicles (ITV); up to seven (7) spare AMRAAM guidance units; up to four (4) spare AMRAAM control sections for use on their F/A-18 aircraft. Included in the sale are containers; storage and preservation; transportation; aircrew and maintenance training; training aids and equipment, spares and repair parts; warranties; weapon system support and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; software development, integration, and support; system integration and testing; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$140 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally which has been, and continues to be, a key democratic partner of the United States in ensuring peace and stability. The missiles will be used on Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) fighter aircraft.

This proposed sale of defense articles and services is required to enable RCAF fighters to optimally fulfill both North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) and NATO missions and also meets the U.S. Northern Command's goals of combined air operations interoperability and standardization between Canadian and U.S. forces. The RCAF will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles into its inventory.

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

The prime contractor will be Raytheon Missile Systems, Tucson, AZ. The Government of Canada has advised that it will negotiate offset agreements in conjunction with this sale.

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

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 17-57

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 AIM-120D Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) hardware, including the missile guidance section, is classified CONFIDENTIAL. State-of-the-art technology is used in the missile to provide it with unique beyond-visual-range capability. The increase in capability from the AIM-120C-7 to AIM-120D consists of a two-way data link, a more accurate navigation unit, improved High-Angle Off-Boresight (HOBS) capability, and enhanced aircraft-to-missile position handoff.

2. AIM-120D features a target detection device with embedded electronic countermeasures, and electronics unit within the guidance section that performs all radar signal processing, midcourse and terminal guidance, flight control, target detection, and warhead burst point determination.

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 weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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

5. All defense articles and services listed on this transmittal are authorized for release and export to Canada.

NOMINATION OF RANDY REEVES

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I am pleased to support the nomination of Randy Reeves of Mississippi to serve as Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Reeves, a retired, U.S. Navy commander, has distinguished himself in Mississippi and around the Nation through his nearly 30-year military career and steadfast dedication to veterans. Randy, a decorated combat veteran, led the Mississippi Veterans Affairs Board for the past 8 years. He recently served as president of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs and as a member of the Department of Veterans Affairs Rural Health Advisory Committee.

Veterans' cemeteries are hallowed ground on which grateful Americans can honor those who have served our Nation in uniform. As Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Randy will lead the National Cemetery Administration, a role for which he is well prepared. Randy successfully coordinated design, funding, and construction of Mississippi's two State veterans cemeteries.