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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 10 a.m.

Senate

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The Senate met at 12 noon 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.

Eternal God, by Your grace, give authority to the godly that this Nation can thrive. Continue to raise up people who have reverence for You and desire to do Your will.

Lord, give our Senators the wisdom to live blameless lives that please You. May they find joy in Your presence as they trust the unfolding of Your loving providence. Lord, empower them to use their integrity to bring stability to our Nation and world.

And Lord, thank You for the opportunity tomorrow to honor our veterans and celebrate their bravery and sacrifice.

We pray in Your strong 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.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CRUZ). The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 1 minute in morning business, please.

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

VETERANS DAY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Tomorrow is Veterans Day. Since the end of World War I, Americans have taken this day to recognize the sacrifices made by our veterans, and they did that in service to our country.

For the third consecutive year, my office recorded the oral histories of Iowa's veterans for the Library of Congress's Veterans History Project. I would urge some of my colleagues to take a look at that and see if they can help add a lot of their veterans from their respective States to the history project at the Library of Congress.

We owe our veterans a debt of gratitude for their patriotism, and it is vitally important to record the stories of veterans so that future generations will always remember their service and the sacrifice that it takes to preserve our freedom.

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. McCONNELL. 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.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MARK ESPER

Mr. McCONNELL. Mr. President, yesterday, the President informed us that Secretary Mark Esper's tenure leading the Department of Defense has concluded.

When the Senate considered Secretary Esper's nomination, I said you could hardly invent better qualifications to run the Pentagon than his resume. From West Point and the 101st Airborne to his time as Secretary of the Army, this leader had stepped up when his country needed him. The Secretary brought integrity, expertise, and steady leadership to the Pentagon's top job.

I am grateful for his work to keep our country safe, modernize our military, and implement the Trump administration's new national defense strategy to address the challenges of our time. A decorated combat veteran himself, he won the respect of the men and women of our Armed Forces.

The country is grateful for his career of service.

During this time of transition, I am confident in the professionalism of the men and women of the Department of Defense, not to mention our uniformed services. We are lucky to have such capable and duty-focused men and women on the watch, defending the Constitution, deterring our adversaries, and protecting the peace.

I expect to speak with Acting Secretary Miller soon to discuss the serious threats facing our country, whether from foreign terrorists or great powers like China and Russia that may

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seek to exploit the period of uncertainty. All of this highlights the need for continued sober and steady leadership at the Department.

BURMA

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, now on an entirely different matter, as we continue to complete the process of our own election here at home, there is also news on the continued growth of democracy half a world away.

My colleagues know that I have had a special interest in the democratic aspirations of the people of Burma for decades, dating back to my days leading the Appropriations Subcommittee for State and Foreign Operations.

Burma held elections on Sunday, which we hope will represent another step toward a more democratic and prosperous future. For too long, the people of Burma were denied democracy by a brutal military junta. To this day, its influence remains a significant impediment to progress. And as with many new democracies, the elections faced many challenges, ranging from continued conflict to the coronavirus pandemic.

But when the votes are counted and Burma's next government is seated, more hard work will await. The government will need to continue advancing Burma's democratic development. Its sovereignty must be defended against the corrupting foreign influence of the People's Republic of China. The nation needs true national reconciliation among Burma's various ethnic groups and further economic reforms to benefit all of its people.

Further progress will take real compromise and real sacrifice from parties and interests within Burma, and it will need continued support from the international community, particularly the United States.

I have known Daw Suu for many years and know she remains committed to democracy. So I hope and expect that if she and her party are the victors, her government will seek much needed constitutional, economic, and security sector reforms to further limit the corrosive influence of the military and the crony networks over so much of the life in Burma.

We are talking about a nation that still reserves 25 percent of the seats in the Parliament for the military itself. It would be an understatement to call that an obstacle toward an ongoing democratic transition.

Further progress toward democracy and prosperity in Burma will require the inclusion of Burma's ethnic minorities and making compromises with them. It will require national reconciliation to end the disparate civil conflicts that rage across that country. And it will require accountability for atrocities that have been committed by the military—and not just in Rakhine State.

If Burma's Government meaningfully pursues these kinds of efforts, I expect

the United States and like-minded countries will continue to stand by them. The free nations of the world have much to gain from Burma's democratization, and we have much to lose if it slides back into authoritarianism or further into the grasp and orbit of China.

So, as Americans, our political contests here at home can feel intense. We think our elections are charged and contentious. But when you look at democracies that are just getting off the ground around the world, you remember how blessed we are to live in a republic that has for centuries inspired the forces of democracy and freedom all around the world.

We get to live in a country where our institutions of self-government have held up for more than 230 years, where the rule of law and our Constitution are paramount.

May we never take it for granted, and may we continue to support those around the world who seek to emulate our example.

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. 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.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, on January 20, the Biden-Harris administration will begin its work with a mandate secured by the largest number of votes ever received by a Presidential ticket in American history. Its task, of course, will be daunting. The darkest days of the COVID-19 pandemic are, unfortunately, ahead of us. More than 100,000 Americans are being diagnosed with COVID-19 a day, and more than 1,000 Americans are dying.

Soon, thankfully, we will have an administration that actually acknowledges this healthcare crisis—an administration that takes its job seriously and that will listen to the counsel of scientists and doctors and work to improve the lives of all Americans, regardless of whom they voted for.

Already, the incoming administration is preparing to hit the ground running. Yesterday, the President-elect announced his COVID-19 task force, a group of the Nation's top public health experts and scientists who will advise the incoming administration on policy.

Today, Senate Democrats will receive a briefing from one of President-Elect Biden's scientific advisers, former Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy. I expect it will be the first of

many conversations about how the Senate and the incoming administration can work together to get COVID-19 under control and on the retreat, because the truth is, the executive and legislative branches are going to have to work together in the coming months to crush this virus and put our economy back on the right track.

Nearly 15 million Americans have now lost their jobs, and, by extension, many of them have lost their healthcare coverage. Medicaid enrollment has spiked across much of the country, adding new stress to State programs already beleaguered by the demands of COVID-19. Democrats have a plan, through the Heroes Act, to strengthen and secure Medicaid for the duration of the crisis.

Congress should pursue a strong, comprehensive COVID-relief bill that actually meets the needs of the American people. Yesterday, however, the Republican leader suggested the Republican majority will continue to pursue its policy of targeted relief—in other words, inadequate relief. He seemed to suggest that the development of a possible vaccine was actually a reason to pare back on aid to the American people.

Let's be very clear. Getting this country vaccinated will be a massive undertaking, and while I share in the hope that yesterday's news brings, we cannot pretend this pandemic is nearly over. Regardless of this news, it is likely the coming winter months will be the worst yet.

The Nation is suffering from the uncontrolled spread of the virus now. With hospitalizations and fatalities on the rise all across the country, hospitals and healthcare providers are again overwhelmed. Temporary morgues are, once again, sadly, being pressed into service.

We all look forward to the day when vaccination is widely available, but we do not have the luxury of waiting to grapple with the current effects of this crisis until then. We have to act now to prevent the immediate crisis that is coming this winter.

So while the incoming administration prepares to take on a resurgent COVID-19, Congress must as well. Leader MCCONNELL and Senate Republicans must come to the table in good faith and work with us on a bipartisan bill that meets the needs of all our country. The House, of course, is Democratic, and the Senate needs a bipartisan bill to pass something. We have to work in a bipartisan way, and we owe it to the American people.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, on another matter, I don't think many of us expected President Trump to leave the Office of the Presidency with grace—a quality he has not once demonstrated during his long career in business or his very short career in public life. But the extent to which the Republican

Party is legitimizing the President's assault on our democracy is infuriating and deeply, deeply wrong.

The President is not merely bringing forward well-founded legal challenges. He is not simply taking advantage of the ability to request a recount in States where one is possible. He is declaring himself to be the winner of an election that he lost. He is claiming to win States that he lost. His legal team is filing scores of frivolous, unsubstantiated lawsuits. He is undermining faith in our elections and poisoning our democracy during one of the most delicate moments in our constitutional system, something we treasure: the peaceful transfer of power.

The President has fired the Secretary of Defense, threatening the continuity of our national security policy because he is having a temper tantrum. Not only does this put at risk a smooth transition in one of the most sensitive and critical areas of our government, it creates an opening for our adversaries to take advantage of instability and inexperience.

The current Attorney General of the United States has made a show of authorizing Federal probes into supposed election fraud, lending a veneer of false credence to the President's delusions. It violates the longstanding tradition of avoiding even the appearance of law enforcement interference in our elections. Almost immediately, Attorney General Barr's decision prompted the Chief of the Justice Department's elections branch to resign in protest.

The Government Services Administrator, GSA, has still not signed the paperwork necessary for the Biden transition team to begin its work. And here in the Senate, the Republican leader and several Republican Members are trying to give their President air cover.

Yesterday, in the same breath that Leader McCONNELL celebrated the reelection of certain Republican Senators, he declined to congratulate the winner of the Presidential election because the election results have not been officially certified. The political right seems eager to celebrate the results it approves of while delaying judgment and casting doubt on the results it doesn't. Indeed, the Republican leader could not even mention two words, "Joe Biden," who, regardless of what Republican Senators may think, will be the next President of the United States.

Two Republican Members of this Chamber have called on their own secretary of state—a fellow Republican—to resign for no other apparent reason than the fact that President Trump did not win their State. They allege the secretary of state did not deliver honest and transparent elections. That is really a stunning charge in the United States of America. That is the kind of thing you hear about in banana republics and dishonest elections. Surely, U.S. Senators would have some evidence that in the world's premier—pre-

mier—democracy an entire State's election was not conducted "honestly," as they say. Surely, you must think that those Senators have incredible, substantial, and weighty proof of such a scandalous and alarming allegation, but you would wrong. Those two Senators provided no evidence—not even a shred—to back up their claims.

Three lonely Republican Senators—three in total—have congratulated the next President and Vice President of the United States on their victory and called on the Nation to come together. The rest have been silent or outright sympathetic toward the President's completely unsubstantiated claims of election fraud.

So look, here is where we are. Every major media outlet, including FOX News, has projected that Joe Biden will be the next President of the United States, and KAMALA HARRIS will be the next Vice President of the United States—not because the media declared them to be but because more than 76 million Americans voted them into office. There has been no evidence of widespread voter fraud or any indication that results might flip in not one but several States.

The country is ready to move on from 4 years of tumultuous and incompetent administration. The institutions of our government will ensure it on January 20, no matter what the current President claims. But they cannot ensure faith in our democracy in the hearts and minds of the American people. That is a project for both parties to confer legitimacy on an election in which, yes, half the country will be disappointed but after which the entire country must pull together.

Every day that goes by without the Republican Party acknowledging and accepting the results of the election is another day Americans' faith in our democracy declines.

VETERANS DAY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, finally, on Veterans Day, tomorrow, we will all proudly observe Veterans Day, a chance to honor our veterans—heroes who come from every walk of life, every color and creed, joined by a common love of country and an uncommon love for their fellow Americans. This week, we say again thank you, thank you, thank you to every veteran for their service.

Like so many things this year, Veterans Day will be different. We cannot come together as we would normally do. We hold in our thoughts and prayers the veterans across the United States whose lives have been touched by this awful disease, and we give special thanks to many veterans who work as teachers, healthcare workers, doctors, nurses, and community leaders—the very heroes, in a different sense, who are keeping our communities going during these tough times. We in the Senate have a solemn responsibility to make sure they continue to get the help they need.

Finally, it is always a little different when we observe a Veterans Day in the aftermath of an election. We must never forget our freedoms—to speak freely, to assemble peaceably, to choose our leaders, and forge our destiny—have been secured, time and time again, by the sacrifice of Americans who have worn the uniform.

I yield the floor.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of James Ray Knepp II, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:37 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. CAPITO).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

VOTE ON KNEPP NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Knepp nomination?

Mr. CRAPO. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SUL-LIVAN), and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG).

Further, if present and voting the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), the Senator from California

(Ms. HARRIS), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ), the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA), and the Senator from Montana (Mr. TESTER) are necessarily absent.

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

The result was announced—yeas 64, nays 24, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 226 Ex.]

YEAS—64

Barrasso	Fischer	Perdue
Blackburn	Gardner	Peters
Blunt	Graham	Portman
Boozman	Grassley	Reed
Braun	Hassan	Risch
Brown	Hoeven	Roberts
Burr	Hyde-Smith	Romney
Capito	Inhofe	Rounds
Carper	Johnson	Rubio
Cassidy	Jones	Sasse
Collins	Kaine	Scott (FL)
Coons	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Shaheen
Cortez Masto	Leahy	Shelby
Cotton	Lee	Thune
Cramer	Loeffler	Tillis
Crapo	Manchin	Toomey
Cruz	McConnell	Warner
Daines	McSally	Whitehouse
Enzi	Murkowski	Wicker
Ernst	Murphy	
Feinstein	Paul	

NAYS—24

Baldwin	Gillibrand	Sanders
Bennet	Hirono	Schumer
Blumenthal	King	Smith
Booker	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Markley	Udall
Casey	Menendez	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warren
Durbin	Rosen	Wyden

NOT VOTING—12

Alexander	Heinrich	Sinema
Cantwell	Moran	Sullivan
Harris	Murray	Tester
Hawley	Schatz	Young

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The Senator from South Dakota.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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.

CORONAVIRUS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, before I begin, I want to acknowledge the tremendous news released yesterday that early results of a COVID vaccine are showing a greater than 90 percent rate of effectiveness. This is great news and a testament to the innovative power of the private sector and the ef-

forts of Congress and the Trump administration to expedite the development of COVID vaccines.

The trial for this vaccine will continue, and FDA approval will be required, but these early results are very, very encouraging. It has been a tough year for Americans and people all over the world, but hopefully this is a sign that the light at the end of the tunnel is coming.

2020 ELECTIONS

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, we are now a week on from the election, but there are still a lot of outstanding races to determine. Votes are still being counted or will soon be recounted in many States. The Presidential race has yet to be certified, and it is important to remember that while media outlets can predict a winner, official results do come later, and there are still House and Senate races that have yet to be decided.

One thing is clear, though: The blue wave that Democrat pollsters and the media predicted was coming did not arrive. Americans emphatically did not endorse the socialist aims of the far left. Instead, they sent a much more moderate message. And I hope that when all the votes are counted and the outcomes of all the races are determined, Democrats will be able to overcome the virulent partisanship that has characterized their behavior over the past 4 years and work with Republicans to deliver results for the American people.

VETERANS DAY

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, tomorrow we celebrate Veterans Day, the day set aside to honor all those who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

This year, we observed the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, and our Nation's World War II veterans, the veterans of the "greatest generation," have been on my mind a lot.

Sixteen million Americans served in World War II—16 million. These veterans were a fixture in our lives. So many Americans grew up with a dad or a grandfather or a grandmother who had served in World War II. I was one of them.

My favorite veteran, my dad, was a World War II pilot who flew Hellcats off the deck of the USS *Intrepid* in the Pacific. I came to know the values of the "greatest generation" through my dad—humility, patriotism, quiet service.

These warriors who helped save the world didn't brag about their achievements. They deflected praise. If they hailed any exploits, it was those of their comrades. My dad won the Distinguished Flying Cross—or, I should say, received the Distinguished Flying Cross, but that is not what he talked about. He did, however, talk about Cecil Harris, one of South Dakota's aces, whose advice for a deft maneuver

saved my dad's life during a dogfight. It was a move straight out of "Top Gun," only decades before the movie.

My dad always talked about how South Dakota is the only State with two aces with more than 20 shootdowns during World War II. And he talked about the other pilots in his squadron and praised their character and their service.

As I said, these veterans of the "greatest generation" have been a fixture in our lives for a long time. But 75 years on from the war, their numbers are dwindling and dwindling quickly.

My dad died in August of this year at the age of 100. We lose more and more of these veterans every day, and they will be sorely missed, but their legacy lives on in the generations of veterans that have followed them.

In every age and every era, men and women have stepped forward to answer the same call that the "greatest generation" answered. And in every era, those men and women, the men and women of the U.S. military, have embodied the values that characterized men like my dad—humility, courage, love of country, self-sacrifice, a love of freedom and for their fellow man.

Service in the military was once commonplace. But in an age when only a small percentage of the population serves, we need to ensure that we don't forget the vital role of our Armed Forces and the price our men and women in uniform pay to ensure that all of us can live in freedom. It has been said 10,000 times—but it is no less true the ten thousandth and first time—that we live in freedom every day because of the men and women of the U.S. military. We owe them a debt we cannot hope to repay. But on Veterans Day and every day, we can remember to say thank you.

I cannot close without mentioning the men and women I have met who have served and are serving—in particular, the members of the South Dakota National Guard and the airmen at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

Right now, members of the South Dakota National Guard are deployed in support of Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa. The South Dakota Guard also recently served a rotation of deployments to Europe in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve and to the Middle East to support coalition forces. Like many of their counterparts across the country, they have also been a part of the domestic coronavirus response.

At Ellsworth, the B-1 bombers of the 28th Bomb Wing continue to demonstrate their flexible, global reach through Bomber Task Force deployments. The Bomber Task Force missions strengthen our continued coordination with NATO allies in Europe and assert America's commitment to security and stability in the Indo-Pacific.

From the Baltics to the South China Sea to the Middle East, the airmen at Ellsworth Air Force Base continue to

answer our Nation's call and remain ready to respond to threats anywhere in the world at a moment's notice.

As I said, we owe our men and women in uniform a debt we cannot hope to repay, but we can resolve to live our lives in such a way as to be worthy of their sacrifices. Today and every day, may we remember the gratitude that we owe our military men and women and imitate their love of freedom and their devotion to our country.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. BLACKBURN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

2020 ELECTIONS

Mr. MURPHY. Madam President, a Republican candidate in California by the name of Errol Webber lost his race for Congress by 72 points, and yet he is not conceding that he has lost. He says:

I'm going to the Los Angeles County Registrar's Office to audit the vote counting procedures. I will NOT concede. Every LEGAL vote needs to be counted!

Just up the road in Maryland, a Republican candidate by the name of Kim Klacik lost by 40 points, and she is refusing to concede. She retweeted a post from President Trump in which she claimed that the election was stolen, and she wrote:

I beat my opponent on day of & in-person early voting, along with absentee. However, 97k mail in ballots were found in his favor?

My colleagues, there is an epidemic of delusion that is spreading out from the White House and infecting the entire Republican Party in the wake of this election, and it presents a real threat to this country.

President Trump didn't win the election. Every single one of my colleagues knows this. And he didn't just lose. He lost by a pretty substantial margin. He lost by 4.3 percent of the popular vote, likely around 70 electoral votes when all the counting is done.

And while the results haven't been certified yet, this isn't the election in 2000. There aren't any hanging chads. We are not arguing about 500 votes here or there. In Michigan, the margin today is 148,000. In Nevada, the margin is 36,000. In Pennsylvania, it is 47,000. In Wisconsin, it is 20,000. In Georgia, it is 12,000. In Arizona, it is 14,000. Thousands and thousands of votes are these margins.

Hillary Clinton, in 2016, lost by less than the President did in Pennsylvania and Michigan and by about the same amount in Wisconsin, and she conceded the day after the election. Now, this is important, and I think we need to talk about it here because it has real consequences for democracy and for national security.

Why hasn't the President conceded? Now, it is not because there was voter fraud or because the election was stolen from him. We are a week out, and the President is still desperately searching for evidence of fraud. He won't find it because it doesn't exist. It doesn't exist in Pennsylvania or Michigan or Wisconsin or Georgia.

The President has empowered the Department of Justice to now go out and launch investigations of voter fraud despite a longstanding precedent for the DOJ to stay out of elections if their actions could be determinative. But the President is so desperate now to fill in his mythology, his narrative, with facts that he doesn't have, that he is sending the DOJ on this massive national fishing expedition.

He hasn't conceded—not because there is fraud. There hasn't been. He is not conceding because he believes that there is a chance he could remain as President without having won the election, so long as congressional Republicans are willing to stick with him step by step, and, so far, there is no evidence that congressional Republicans are ever going to step away from President Trump's delusional assault on democracy.

Senator MCCONNELL said this week that the President is "within his rights" to fight the election. That is of course true. The President can keep filing frivolous legal challenges if he wants. We are not going to stop him from doing that. But just because he has the right to mount these legal challenges, that doesn't mean that Republicans here have to support him in those efforts if they contravene the interests of democracy and the interests of a smooth transition of power.

Today, Republicans support the President's refusal to concede. They support his lawsuits. They call on election officials—most recently, in Georgia—who refuse to bend their knee to Trump to resign, and they endorsed the President's decision to refuse to begin the transition.

This may sort of seem like a side-show now to the inevitability of a transfer of power, but what is next? What if President Trump asks Republicans here to contest the selection of electors? What if he gets the message from Republicans in Congress that if you are willing to support all the steps he has taken since Tuesday, that you will continue to support his efforts to try to remain in office despite losing both the popular vote and the electoral college? That is within his rights, to ask you to support a contest of electors. But will you do it? What so far have we seen to suggest that there is an end to your decision to put your allegiance to this President above an allegiance to the country?

The Secretary of State was asked today if he thought there would be a smooth transition of power from President Trump to the winner of the election, Vice President and President-Elect Biden. And Secretary Pompeo

said: "There will be a smooth transition to a second Trump administration."

Listen, these guys aren't playing. This isn't just for show. They are going to keep pushing the bounds of democracy until somebody stops them. It is logical to ask: If Republicans have been willing to support every conspiracy that the President has engaged in over the last week, then why wouldn't they support the next set of attacks on democracy that this President engages in?

How far are Republicans willing to go in their attacks against the decision of voters?

Now, for the President, there is really no downside to what he is doing right now. Either he steals the election or he grows his political power, because we have learned in the last 24 hours that the President is raising money today online from his supporters, not for a fund that is designed to strictly finance a recount effort but for a new political action committee that he has established that will fund his political efforts over the next 4 years. The button you click may give you the idea that you are supporting the President's recount but, in fact, you are helping him to amass resources that will allow him to be a major political presence for the next 4 years. So either the President is successful in continuing this assault on the transition of power or he is able to amass resources that help him into the future.

There is no downside for the President. There is a big downside for the rest of us. There is a big downside for this country.

In the short run, the country's national security is threatened by a messy transition. This has been covered, I think, well today, but, traditionally, the President-elect would be able to start getting briefings on national security threats, would start to get access to classified information, and would begin to be able to do background checks on individuals that he would like to be part of his national security cabinet. Traditionally, those are among the first confirmations that move through this body, the President's national security team. All of that is being delayed by a President who refuses to begin a transition and a Republican Senate that refuses to put pressure on the President to change his mind.

But, also, and in some ways more insidious, is the attack on the rule of law and the idea of peaceful transition of power itself. The narrative that President Trump is spreading and that congressional Republicans are facilitating right now that the election was stolen or rigged, it isn't being written on a white board that is going to be neatly and tidily erased as soon as 2021 shows up. No, the work that is being done right now by the Republican Party to undermine faith in our elections will have a very long, very long tale. And when the American people or a large

percentage of them lose faith in elections, when they are told by leaders they trust that elections that were actually held legitimately are illegitimate, then, those individuals, of course, will naturally lose faith in public institutions themselves. If all the people who got elected were illegitimately chosen, then, so must be the actions they take once they are in office.

Now, maybe that is consistent with the general Republican project over the last several decades. I have watched as Republicans have engaged in a withering assault on the public sector. The whole idea from Republicans has been that government is illegitimate by its very nature and can't do anything to help you or to solve your problems. But that idea, if it is, in fact, the goal of my Republican colleagues to delegitimize public institutions by delegitimizing elections, is really dangerous for two reasons. One, don't assume that democracy can survive this. If the 45 percent of the country that supports Donald Trump doesn't really believe that elections are legitimate, I am not sure that democracy hangs around for another 100 years. But, second, we are living in a moment where it is really important for people to have faith in public institutions. There is no way for us to turn the corner on this pandemic unless people believe what leaders are telling them about how to conduct themselves or about how we are going to administer a vaccine or about why the business around the corner from you is limiting the number of people who can enter it. In the middle of a pandemic that has killed going on 250,000 Americans, losing faith in public institutions is deadly.

The President is delusional. There was no voter fraud. He lost. The American people, by a large margin, chose Joe Biden as President of the United States, and this delusion is not a quaint sideshow. It is an assault on our democracy that will have consequences for the future viability of democracy but also for the viability of public institutions to meet crises like the one that we stand in the middle of today.

The President's behavior and the behavior of Republicans in Congress who support him is dangerously unpatriotic. When we arrive in the Senate we swear an oath to our country, not to our party, and right now our President and congressional Republicans are not living up to that oath.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

VETERANS DAY

Mr. LANKFORD. Madam President, today in Oklahoma, people are going to work, people are going to school, people are on their job, people are in their yard, people are on bikes, people are going for a quiet run in beautiful weather because tomorrow is Veterans Day. We enjoy freedom and peace today because of what those veterans have done for a very long time.

Whatever community you are in in Oklahoma, whether you are in Oklahoma City or in Tulsa, or in Lawton, whether you are in Guymon, or Idabel, Altus, or Waukomis—it doesn't matter—you are going to find drawings; you are going to find displays; you are going to find military hardware; you are going to find memorials and monuments to veterans who have served because across our State we remember extremely well the sacrifice that has been made for the quietness of this day, the ability to have an election, the ability to send our kids to school, the ability to work hard, to fight off a virus, the ability to invent and innovate because 1 percent of our Nation has set aside their life to be able to guard the rest of the 99 percent of us. We in Oklahoma could not be more grateful for the service of those women and men over the years and currently.

As a nation, we pause on Veterans Day and remember, but I think about veterans who don't just pause once a year to do it. It is part of who they are. They served our Nation in the military, and they find ways to continue to serve veterans and to serve the people around them in their community every single day.

There are people who work at the veterans centers in Oklahoma who are remarkable people who help veterans literally every week to be able to work through and navigate the bureaucracy. Our office works with them to try to get solutions and answers if they have issues with the VA or they have issues with trying to get their medals or whatever it may be. But these volunteers are scattered all across our State.

We have staff members today who are working in veterans facilities scattered all over the State who are taking care of veterans who are basically in an assisted living-type environment or in a nursing long-term care environment. Those individuals get up every single day and love on veterans. They look them in the eye, when they are now at their weakest moment of their life since their infancy, and say: Our Nation still cares about you.

There are people today in Oklahoma who work on Federal housing programs designed to help veterans who are homeless on the street to get care, to find a place to live, and to get established. There are people in Oklahoma today who are working with Federal programs to help veterans who have struggled with addiction, some who didn't reacclimate well. They are helping them right now because our Nation has not forgotten about them.

While we grieve with those who grieve—because Veterans Day also brings back the memory, for some families who are Gold Star families, of the ones they have lost—we remind them again that we have not forgotten, and we say thank you to those folks who are serving our veterans every single day.

I also think about folks like Bob Ford, who lives in Okeene, OK. He is working at Shawnee Milling Company and does a remarkable job just providing for the people in the community, but he has also kept alive the memory of fellow Vietnam veterans. In so many ways, he helps not only the park and other places to remember, but he also makes sure on Veterans Day that there are speakers in local schools and that someone is retelling the message. He is the one in the community who is always making sure there is a patriotic display at some point. You see, he is a Vietnam veteran himself who is serving and working in the community but who has also turned around said, though his uniform is not on anymore, he wants to make sure the next generation knows what honorable service really looks like.

There are folks like Terry Hill from Kellyville, OK, who enlisted in the Army in 2013 as an engineer and was commissioned as an officer in 2008. He became a Black Hawk aeromedical research and maintenance test pilot. He flew 750 combat missions in Afghanistan over multiple deployments before he came down really, really hard one time and had a medical discharge.

You see, for Terry, Veterans Day is not a once-a-year thing. He founded Rapid Application Group in his home. It is an additive manufacturing company. In fact, his is the only additive manufacturing company that has a disabled veteran running it in the entire country. Every Friday, he has a hashtag "RAG Friday." Many of those who work in his company are also fellow veterans. But every Friday, he reminds everyone to watch out for fellow veterans, to watch out for issues like possible suicide senses, to engage with those folks who have made great sacrifices to serve our Nation, and to continue to check on them because some of the things they have experienced and some of the challenges they have faced leave lasting memories for them. As they stood for our freedom and our country forgets those moments, they never do because they have lived them firsthand. So his simple way to do RAG Fridays every Friday and to challenge folks to not forget veterans in your community is his way of being able to serve folks.

Again, as a nation, we have not forgotten, but we are exceptionally grateful for those who remind us as a nation not just to remember once a year but to stay engaged with those veterans who have given so much and continue to give so much.

Honestly, I don't know a veteran who is not still serving. They find ways to

serve each other. They find ways to serve their community because it is in their heart, and it is deep within their soul. They have served our Nation, and they will continue to serve our Nation. And while some need our help, I most often hear from veterans: How can I help?

So let me just say from my heart and from my State: Thank you, again, for serving the way that you serve. Allow us to say thank you to you face-to-face today and to tell you once again, we have not forgotten, and we are grateful for the sacrifice you and your family have made.

For those Gold Star families, we cannot thank you enough because every day you remember, and you need to hear from us that so do we.

When the Israelites crossed over the Jordan, they went back into that dry area and gathered stones. And they set those stones on the embankment for one specific purpose.

The purpose was simple. They said: When your children walk past these stones in the days ahead and they say "What are those stones for?" you are to remind them of the faithfulness of God. They were to be a permanent reminder.

Allow Veterans Day and the military memorials all over the State today to be a good teaching moment for our children so that when they say "Why is that there?" we remind them of the freedom that we have and the cost of that freedom and express our gratitude again to the veterans who have served us.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Rhode Island.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Madam President, as I begin my remarks, let me thank my friend Senator LANKFORD for his eloquent comments about our veterans and those who have served and given their lives for us.

I am here with my trusty and battered "Time to Wake up" graphic because, after 4 dark years on climate, there is at last a glimmer of light on the horizon.

President-Elect Biden has promised to redirect the executive branch to address climate change in the clear light of real science, out of the dark swamp of fossil fuel denial and obstruction, trying—trying—to head off a climate catastrophe while there is still time, if there is still time.

There is a lot the executive branch can do. The President can lead diplomatic and international trade initiatives. The environmental regulatory agencies of government can be freed from corrupting influence to do their duty with vigor based on science and the law. Securities regulators can put climate risk to the economy at the forefront, as the Commodity Futures Trading Commission has just done. Purchasing decisions can be directed

toward a clean energy future. Permitting decisions can be made with the social cost of carbon pollution in mind, as courts have already begun to demand even in the corrupt Trump era.

On the investigative side, the administration can begin a hard look at the forces of corruption that have blocked action on climate change: Who did this and how? Did their political spending violate campaign finance, conflict of interest, or other laws? Did their toxic propaganda violate laws against fraud, as the tobacco industry's did? Was their occupation of regulatory agencies a rolling conspiracy to violate the Administrative Procedures Act, and if so, how and for whom was it organized? Has their interference in the judiciary compromised the rights of parties or the integrity of courts?

American citizens deserve a full and fearless exposition of why Congress has thwarted the public will to do something—anything—meaningful to address this climate crisis and at whose behest.

What were the forces of corruption, and how did they accomplish their nefarious purpose? There is a lesson in democracy here for the citizens of this great Republic—a lesson that is now hidden behind phony front groups and subterranean rivers of anonymous money. There is every reason to believe that the biggest covert op in history has been run in and against our own government. That is no way for a "city on a hill" to be governed.

But with all the executive branch policy work and all the investigations that are due and overdue, there is no pathway to climate safety that does not go through Congress. Action by Congress is a necessity, not a luxury. I have seen no study showing any pathway to safety without action by Congress.

To make that pathway to safety possible, we will have to change a few things. One is, as I said, to investigate the denial and obstruction campaign run by the fossil fuel industry, how it used its dark weaponry of political spending—much of it anonymous—and political propaganda. The executive branch can do this, but so can the House. Sadly, here in the Senate, the power of the fossil fuel industry assures no such investigation will happen in our committees if Republicans keep control of the Senate. But the House or a high-level Presidential commission or our Department of Justice all have tools to bring the light of transparency into these dark and slimy corners.

Separately, we can display to the American people what corporate America says about climate change versus what it does in Congress. It may even surprise some CEOs what their corporate lobbying posture actually is. If you are a CEO who is sincere about this, you ought to commission an audit of your corporate lobbying and electioneering on climate. Here is what you will find, unless you are maybe

Patagonia or Ben & Jerry's: Most every major American corporation does nothing in Congress on climate—zip, zero, nada.

TechNet lobbies for the supposedly climate-friendly Silicon Valley giants like Apple, Google, Facebook, and Microsoft. It even represents green energy companies. Yet this year its glossy, 13-page menu of priorities for Congress never even mentioned climate change or green energy.

Coke and Pepsi lobby Congress through an American Beverage Association that doesn't lift a finger on climate. That corporate behemoth, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce—three times the lobbying muscle of its next nearest rival, sometimes the biggest dark-money spender in elections, a persistent voice in our courts and regulatory agencies—that chamber is in a statistical tie for America's worst climate obstructer—worst.

Representing Ford and GM, Abbott Labs and Johnson & Johnson, Citibank and Bank of America, Delta and United, Target and Home Depot, Intel and AT&T, and dozens of other big businesses is a worst climate obstructer in America. That deserves some explaining.

Don't just blame Congress. By doing nothing, Congress is exactly following what corporate America actually asks of Congress: Do nothing. Do nothing. We don't care.

Want to open a pathway for a safe climate through Congress? Republicans in Congress are going to have to hear that their corporate benefactors demand climate action. They aren't hearing that now. They are hearing the opposite. They are hearing: We don't care.

Democrats are ready. We have been ready for a decade. Republicans, at least since Citizens United—it was quite bipartisan before that decision—won't touch the issue, and by an amazing coincidence, that party is almost entirely funded by the unlimited and often anonymous donations of the fossil fuel industry. The money is often hidden, of course, behind donor trusts and shell corporations and 501(c)(4) tax organizations, but it is there, and it is billions.

The rest of corporate America has not pushed back. They have their own tax breaks to protect and their own industry priorities to pursue, and climate change just doesn't make it into their corporate political agenda. Getting the so-called good guys off the bench and onto the field could make a big difference, but they are not there now—not yet.

If corporations are going to fail this moral test so catastrophically, it is fair to ask what good it does to give corporations any role in our politics, let alone the commanding role they now assert in the U.S. Congress. The Founding Fathers, for one, would be astonished to see these monsters loose in our politics at all, let alone so large and in charge.

But that is for another day. Right now, there is a lot President-Elect Biden can do to break the political logjam fossil fuel money has built: Investigate it, expose it, and then overwhelm it. Recruit allies to help push back hard. Give no audience or corner to corporations funding climate obstruction. Make lobbying groups disclose who their big donors are so the American citizen isn't played for a chump—the mark in a giant con game.

If you don't think big American industries are capable of committing massive fraud, read the decision of the Federal judge in the fraud case the United States won against Big Tobacco for that scheme of lies or read the decision of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upholding her verdict. It took investigation to get to the truth, not politics. Indeed, investigation had to pierce through a fog of industry politics and lies. But at the end of the day and, more specifically, at the end of the investigation, the truth was out, and the truth was massive industry fraud.

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

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

Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that I be recognized as if in morning business for such time as I shall consume.

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

WESTERN SAHARA

Mr. INHOFE. Madam President, last week, while most of the world was focused on our elections—myself included—and the pending results, a very significant action was taking place halfway around the world in Western Sahara. Simply put, Morocco chose that time—likely purposely, when everyone was occupied doing other things—to threaten to push back on protests by Western Saharans on their own land.

There they are. These are the protesters. These are people who owned the land, have been there for generations, and are protesting the problems they have with Morocco trying to eject them from their land.

It seems simple, but you have to remember how we got here. While the status of the Sahrawi people is still in question, what we need to do to is create a lasting solution. How we got here, as West Africa was being decolonized, Western Sahara was clear and declared itself an independent nation a long time ago. That was despite Morocco's attempt to claim it as a territory.

In 1966, the United Nations General Assembly resolution agreed that a referendum

of self-determination should be held. That is a referendum of self-determination of the people of Western Sahara. Everyone agreed and planned to hold that in 1975.

Self-determination—merely letting the Sahrawi people decide for themselves the imperative principle of action—the right to judge for themselves to be independent or to be a part of Morocco.

This was just the first promise of a referendum. That was 1975. To date, none have been kept. An International Court of Justice opinion from 1975 also agreed that Morocco did not have sovereignty over the land and that a referendum of self-determination should be held. Everyone agreed. That was the second promise.

Morocco maintained its unlawful claim to their land and after decolonization, attempted to annex the territory with force. That was actually in 1975.

Western Sahara—officially called the Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic, through the Polisario, defended their rights to land.

We are talking about this area right here. Morocco is up to the north, in Western Sahara. The independent Western Sahara land that Morocco is trying to claim as their own is to the south of that.

After a decade of violence from Morocco, the United Nations finally came in, in 1991, and both sides agreed to a cease-fire and a path forward. Everyone agreed. It was called the Settlement Plan. It solidified that Morocco and Western Sahara agreed to hold a referendum and created the United Nations Mission for the referendum in Western Sahara. That is called MINURSO.

For those keeping track, that was the third promise. It is worth noting that the United Nations regularly reaffirms the 1991 commitment to a referendum for self-determination. This is something that happens on a regular basis.

The planned referendum in 1992 never took place, and the process stalled through a cease-fire that was held. Morocco just wouldn't hold up its end of the bargain.

Former Secretary of State James Baker—it is kind of interesting because back in 1997, he tried to do this again. I can remember talking to him—this was several years ago now, about 15 years ago—saying that sometime we have to get this problem resolved. It has been hanging out there for generations and decades. He said: Well, good luck. We have tried to do everything we could do. Back at that time, he was Secretary of State under President Bush.

He named a special envoy to Western Sahara. Baker worked the multiple plans with Morocco and Western Sahara. He thought he could get it done. He was a special envoy way back in 1992.

The former Secretary of State tried again in 1997. He named a special envoy

to Western Sahara. Baker worked multiple plans with Morocco and Western Sahara again.

The most notable—the Houston Agreement—was signed by Morocco and Western Sahara and recommitted to the referendum of self-determination, planned for 1998. To keep track, that is the fourth time that was promised. That was promised also by Morocco.

Morocco, recognizing they would likely lose the vote, quickly tanked all negotiations the next year by declaring they would never accept a referendum that included independence as an outcome, despite years of promises.

It has been called a frozen conflict—where no outcome exists. Yet there is no perceived active conflict. It makes it easy for the rest of the world to forget about it. But to call this a frozen conflict makes it seem harmless, when in reality it is anything but that.

Tens of thousands of Sahrawi people live in refugee camps, primarily in Tindouf, Algeria. They have been forced from their homes, waiting for a resolution for decades. Allowing this process to stall has cost them a generation of freedom. I have been to those camps many times. I have been there. I have seen it. I have talked to the people.

We are talking about these people here—the ones who are protesting. That is where we have been and talked to the individuals. And they don't give up. They continue generation after generation with the hope that they would get their land back.

Beyond denying the Sahrawi people the right to freedom and self-determination, the Government of Morocco is trying to steal and pillage as much as possible from the land they have unlawfully claimed. They are stealing their natural resources, unlawfully mining and selling valuable, critical minerals—specifically phosphate. They are illegally fishing in the Western Sahara's waters.

And what does Morocco do with these riches? They pay millions of dollars each year to lobbyists in Washington. Their goal? To convince the world they are innocent and demonize the Sahrawi people.

The Moroccans believe that they can wait out the rest of the world. They want us to forget about the human rights of these people, in this picture, who are peacefully protesting today—right now—as we are speaking on the floor.

They know a frozen conflict benefits them and hurts the cause of independence. They know that they can push the boundaries of what is acceptable. That is how we got to this point. That is why we are here at this point now—where just a few weeks ago, while the people of Western Sahara were peacefully protesting in Guerguerat—that is the region. The Guerguerat region is down there. It is not even close to Morocco. It is down to the south end of Western Sahara. It actually comes into Mauritania down there.

That is the area that has the red square around it. That is what we are talking about. That is where they are now. That is where these people are right now.

Morocco has repeatedly attempted to use a road in this region to transport the goods in violation of the U.N. cease-fire agreement. Let's keep in mind, it is the U.N. cease-fire agreement. They are the ones who are supposed to be promoting—not just protecting a cease-fire on both sides but promoting a referendum. It was this illegal use of the territory that Western Saharans were peacefully protesting.

Rather than recognizing their rights to protest, Morocco has once again raised a call to arms and is threatening to crush these legitimate protesters.

In fact, I heard just the other day—3 days ago—that they have some 200 trucks coming down from Morocco down to Guerguerat—that area down there where the peaceful protests are taking place.

Rather than recognize their right to protest, Morocco has once again raised a call to arms and is threatening to crush these protests that are going on.

King Mohammed of Morocco this past weekend said: “Morocco will not waiver in its position.” That is in spite of what the—all the agreements that have taken place, including the United Nations.

We are also hearing concerned reports that he is sending military forces to the region as well as in a clear escalation. This isn't a new problem. Morocco has been trying to illegally use the Guerguerat issue for a long period of time.

That is the bridge that goes across from Western Sahara to Mauritania. The problem has been there for a long period of time. It is a concern for a couple of reasons. The first is simple. Morocco is escalating this situation again to claim more and more land, resources, and rights that they have no law behind them to claim. And they know it. They are fully aware of this.

In 2017, the United States was encouraging the United Nations to send a technical team to Guerguerat. Western Sahara welcomed this. Morocco blocked it because they didn't want to be exposed.

The second is that no one else—no one around the world—is raising the cause for alarm. Where is the United Nations now? They are charged with enforcing the 1991 cease-fire agreement. Yet they are nowhere to be found. They have been very silent, tolerating Morocco's abuse for years and Morocco's violations of the U.N. orders.

That is why the time is now to move from this frozen conflict and force Morocco to live up to their agreement of nearly 30 years and hold a referendum, not in a year and not in 3 years—they are always talking about what they are going to do out in the future—but now. Now is the time that we can do that. We need to take steps to hold the referendum for self-determination now.

Morocco is escalating and, left unchecked, they are going to keep their escalation going. The result would be inevitable. We would risk turning back to the times of open conflict. The U.N. needs to step up now and enforce their agreement, and the world needs to prove we all stand for our values of freedom and democracy by extending those values to the Sahrawis. They have waited too long.

Everyone is for this agreement—everyone is. I mean, we have the African Union, which is comprised of some 55 member states, and they are strongly in support of this independence for the Sahrawis. We have most of the European Community that supports the U.N. efforts. The European Court of Justice also ruled that Western Sahara is not a part of Morocco and that no EU economic agreements can cover Western Sahara.

In 2004, the United States and Morocco had a free-trade agreement where they did reaffirm—and that is the United States reaffirming—the independence of Western Sahara.

That is what is happening right now. The rest of the world is on our side on this issue. Who does Morocco have? They have paid lobbyists. Some of the lobbyists Morocco has employed: JPC Strategies, Third Circle, Neale Creek—averaging over \$1 million each year. In total, they have had some 10 lobbyists since 2016. And they have actually put in \$11 million—\$11 million in the Sahara. In Western Sahara, they have nothing. They have no resources. They are the giant with all of their lobbyists.

I made it clear earlier when I testified—and by the way, I did something I don't think has been done before since then: As a Member of the U.S. Senate, I testified at a House hearing that they had on this issue way back 15 years ago. This has stalled because there is just no money on our side. Morocco has it all.

Here is what we need to do. The time is right, and we have waited long enough. While we were to schedule a referendum, we need the United Nations to send a team to the Guerguerat area and confirm that Morocco is in violation of the agreement. Everyone knows they are in violation of the agreement. The agreement is very specific. It says that they are there to enforce this—the United Nations. This is the key part. They need to enforce the 1991 cease-fire agreement. This will restore faith with all parties and make real progress in reaching a referendum.

The reason we are concerned today is that we know Morocco, right now, is sending military equipment down to the area—some 200 trucks full of equipment. That is why this time is right, and it is going to have to happen.

Here they are. These are the people we are talking about. These are the people who are peacefully protesting to keep and use the land that is theirs and that has been theirs and that the whole world knows is theirs. They are the

victims. They deserve a referendum for separate termination, and the U.N. is going to have to make this happen. I don't know any other way this can happen.

First of all, they have agreed to it, and the U.N. is a party that can put that together. We are calling on them now to go ahead and do what they have agreed to do and end this conflict that has endured generation after generation.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

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

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

2020 ELECTIONS

Mr. CORNYN. Mr. President, I had to look at my watch today to remind myself it has been a week since the November 3 general election. I must say, it seems it has been much longer than that.

Just as we have every 4 years throughout our Nation's history, the American people voted for our next Commander in Chief. In the months leading up to election day, we know the atmosphere was tense. The days of counting that followed it have been, as well, but I have full faith that our constitutional Republic is working just exactly the way it should.

A record-setting 150 million people and counting cast a ballot this election. In my State, there were 10.9 million voters—almost 11 million. The last time I was on the ballot, there were 4.7 million. So we have seen a huge influx of people and increased participation in the electoral process, and I think both of those are good things.

The reason people come to Texas is that we are still a land of opportunity, where people can come and work hard, start out with little, build something for themselves and their families, provide value to others so they can come find a job and provide for their families, which is, to me, the definition of the American dream.

We know that election workers and poll workers have worked across our country to ensure that every legal vote—whether it was in person or by mail—will be counted, and that is as it should be. I know major media outlets have projected that former Vice President Biden has secured enough electoral votes to be our next President, but there are still votes to be counted. As my friend the majority leader noted yesterday, the Constitution gives no role in this process to wealthy media companies.

Between recounts and legal challenges, it is tough to say exactly when the election will be certified. But if there are irregularities, if there are

questionable practices or wrongdoing, President Trump and his campaign—like every other candidate and their campaign—are entitled to seek legal remedies in court. Of course, if they do, they will be obligated to present evidence, which I understand is in the process of being marshaled, and to do so, obviously, with dispatch.

But while this process may seem drawn out to us living in the moment, legal challenges are not unprecedented. For example, back in 2000, we remember—some of us remember, most of us remember—the example of Al Gore, the Democratic nominee for President who didn't concede the election until December 13. During the weeks following the election, the American people waited patiently as the courts weighed in, and once they did, we all accepted the result. Acceptance of the result is key. I had faith in the process that led to that result just as I have faith in the process and institutions that are working now.

When the Electoral College meets on January 6, 2021, every American should have confidence in the free and fair elections that led to that result. Let me say that again. When the Electoral College meets on January 6, 2021, every American—win or lose—every American, every candidate should have confidence in the free and fair elections that led to the result. I think this is perhaps the single most important reason to let the process that is currently underway run its course. If one side or the other or, more importantly, the voters who, ultimately, voted for the candidate who loses feel the process is unfair or has been jammed through unreasonably, are they likely to accept the result of the election or will they feel cheated? Well, acceptance of that result is perhaps the single most important goal we ought to strive to achieve.

The peaceful transition of power is perhaps the single greatest feature of our constitutional system. Every 4 or 8 years, the most powerful person in the world steps aside to allow their successor, chosen by the people, to take charge. Of course, many wars have been fought, blood has been shed, and lives have been lost to secure this right to us as Americans and to ensure that peaceful transition of power after all the votes are counted.

Yet in America, dating back to 1797, when Washington willingly passed the torch to Adams, the peaceful transition of power has defined the office of President. It is a legacy that our forefathers established and one that generations of Americans have fought hard to protect. So in 2 months' time, we will see this American constitutional process play out once again. I have complete confidence in that conclusion.

While the Presidential race has dominated headlines over the last week, it was only one of the many races on the ballot, as the Presiding Officer knows from personal experience. From city halls to courthouses, to State houses,

to Congress, Americans cast their votes for leaders at every level of government. I was honored—as I am sure my colleague from Louisiana, the Presiding Officer, was—to be reelected by the people of our State for another term in the U.S. Senate.

During the campaign, I had a chance to present my record of service, and I was happy to do that to demonstrate that I have consistently fought to protect the rights of Texans and create more opportunities for every family to achieve their American dream.

Collectively, here in Washington, we have brought down taxes for American families. We have empowered job creators. We have strengthened our criminal background check system for gun purchases, and we have reformed our criminal justice system, just to name a few things.

But we have also worked hard to make healthcare more affordable by presenting more choices for consumers. We have supported quality education, and we have tried to make sure that safe communities are a reality for folks across the country and across the economic spectrum.

In Texas, we have provided funding to rebuild following hurricanes and tornados and other natural disasters, like many other States.

And throughout the COVID-19 crisis, we have provided unprecedented funding to help our frontline healthcare heroes, our small businesses, and our families stay afloat amid so much uncertainty.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to fight for a bright future for every family in Texas and to work with my colleagues to make sure that same promise is a reality for all Americans, and that is true regardless of who they voted for. That is exactly what I plan to do. I don't just represent the people who voted for me in this election; I represent all 29 million—and growing—Texans. I am honored to do it.

We have added a few new faces to the Texas delegation in the House, and I am eager to work with these men and women and my friend Senator CRUZ as Team Texas as we continue our record of delivering for our State. This is perhaps one of the most important lessons of Senator Hutchinson, whom I served with here in the Senate and who is now our Ambassador to NATO. She would always make this point to Republicans and Democrats in the Texas delegation. She said: We may be Members of the House or Members of the Senate. We may be Republicans or Democrats. But we are Team Texas.

I have been proud to continue that spirit and that effort. I am proud of the fact that in this election we increased the number of women elected to Congress. At least 134 women will serve in the next Congress, with a record number of Republican women in the House of Representatives. For young women like my own daughters and younger girls, in particular, this representation is long overdue—just like Amy Coney

Barrett, who was recently confirmed to the U.S. Supreme Court. What a wonderful example and role model for young women and maybe not so young women—for all women—and for all of us. It is something we should celebrate.

While we are still waiting to know which party will hold the majority here in the Senate—that will be determined on January 5 of 2021—it is clear that there was no blue wave that swept the country.

My Republican colleagues and I in the Senate will continue to fight against ideological policies from the left, or so-called progressives, that were resoundingly rejected in this election. We are not going to allow the Federal Government to tax Texas energy workers out of a job by imposing a carbon tax. We are not going to let them hamstringing our police with unrealistic funding cuts or one-size-fits-all policies. And we are not going to allow them to pack the U.S. Supreme Court with political Justices intent on delivering results that couldn't be achieved through the legislative process. And we are not going to let them reverse the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, increase taxes, which will only make it harder for working families to put food on their tables.

Now, the Presiding Officer and I both participated in an organization called No Labels, and I am proud of the work I have done, regardless of the fact I am a Republican and he is a Republican. We both know—we all know—that you can't get things done here in Congress by just working with people in your own political party. You have to work together. Indeed, I think that is the genius of our system. It forces us to work together if we want to get things done.

I am proud of being consistently ranked as one of the most bipartisan Members of the Senate because I literally am willing to work with anyone, Republican or Democrat, who wants to make progress on the challenges that confront our Nation.

This came up in a recent conversation we had during a hearing just a few minutes ago, talking about the lessons we have learned from the coronavirus in terms of the vulnerability of our supply chains, whether it is personal protective equipment that was overwhelmingly made in China, which was threatened by the delay in reporting from China and the hoarding and, literally, the global rush to hoard PPE for their own countries and their own people.

But another example of that that we have worked on in a bipartisan way—most recently, in the National Defense Authorization bill—was to build more high-end semiconductors here in the United States. In 2019, only 1 foundry was being built in the United States and 16 of them in China, and you can imagine, if we are dependent for our economy, for our national defense on a sophisticated semiconductor manufactured in Taiwan, for example, that supply chain could be easily disrupted. So

I am proud of the fact that we did pass, in the Defense Authorization bill, an amendment 96 to 4 to begin the effort to reduce the vulnerability in our supply chain. That is an example of the kind of thing that I think we need to do more of and which I am proud to be a part of.

Well, I know Republicans have a long list of priorities, just as our Democratic colleagues do, but we still have a couple of months before the end of this Congress, and we need to find a way to work together in the best interest of the American people. The lights don't go out on the 116th Congress until January 3, which means we still have some time.

I believe that over the last 2 years—notwithstanding what you hear in the media, which tends to focus on those narrow areas where we disagree the most and does not focus on the areas where we worked cooperatively together because they, by definition, don't make news—we have actually accomplished a lot for the country, and I will have more to say about that in the coming days.

For now, I want to talk about the biggest remaining item on our to-do list and, that is an additional coronavirus relief package.

Texas has just hit the unenviable milestone of 1 million confirmed COVID-19 tests. More than 19,000 Texans have lost their lives due to this virus, and our healthcare providers in some parts of the State are still struggling to keep up with the cases that end up going into the hospital. As we head into the winter months, experts are telling us that things will get worse before they get better. It is part of the seasonal impact of a virus like this.

While we will continue to do our duty as individuals—wash our hands, mask when we can't socially distance, and the things we have learned to do, such as to stay home if you are sick—it is clear we are not through with this virus yet, even though we were delighted to hear some of the prospects for a vaccine in the not-too-distant future.

In the meantime, we still need to make sure that the assistance that we started in the first four bipartisan bills we passed, that we continue that assistance both on the healthcare front and on the economic front until we fully recover.

The researchers and scientists who have been developing a vaccine over the last months have been making tremendous progress, and we need to invest in their continued success. Once the vaccine is actually approved as safe and effective by the FDA, the logistics of getting it distributed across the country, prioritizing, I hope, the most vulnerable Americans—those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities and those with underlying chronic illnesses—that is an enormous logistical challenge, and it is going to cost money.

At the same time, we need to make sure that our economic recovery continues and that means we need to continue to safely reopen our economy, just as our school children and our college students have transitioned from a virtual educational experience back into the classroom slowly but surely.

The unemployment rate in October dipped at 6.9 percent. Now, that is still a far cry from the 3.5 percent unemployment we had before the virus hit, but it is the lowest we have seen since the pandemic began, and we need to make sure we don't backslide into the double digits.

Well, we know with the pendency of the election, after we passed the CARES Act in late March, we tried, I think it was, four times to pass a more targeted bill. We spent roughly \$3.8 trillion in the first four pieces of legislation, and many of us—me included—felt like we needed to do more but on a targeted basis. The Speaker said, well, \$3 trillion was her pricetag. We offered a half a trillion dollars in additional targeted relief, to which she replied, “Nothing is better than something,” which made me do a double take. I always thought that something was better than nothing, not “nothing was better than something.”

Regardless of that, now that the election, by and large—at least, certainly, for Congress—is behind us, we need to address those people who still need help. I hope our Democratic colleagues will join us and not force the country to wait 2 more months. There is too much on the line.

So I want to conclude by thanking the people of my State for the opportunity to continue to fight for them here in the U.S. Senate, and now I am happy to get back to work with all of my colleagues to deal with this unfinished business.

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

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

REMEMBERING MARY “ELAINE” MANLOVE AND LAMBERT “WAYNE” MANLOVE, EDWARD MICHAEL RUSH, JR., PASTOR LOTTIE MAE LEE-DAVIS, AND GLORIA IGNUDO CORROZI

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, 2020 has been a difficult year for so many. We have lost far too many mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, neighbors and friends.

My own heart and the hearts of many in Delaware grew heavier this week as we said goodbye in Delaware to a whole series of friends, folks who had long been champions of our community, folks who were exactly the sort of peo-

ple who helped build and sustain community.

I am grateful for the privilege of the floor to speak for a few minutes about the legacy of these lions of Delaware, these folks who were giants of service and who gave their hearts to us.

On Monday, we said goodbye to Elaine and Wayne Manlove, who were loved by so many, and I rise first to pay tribute to them—some of the most special people I have ever known.

They were killed in a tragic accident literally the day before last Tuesday's election. On that day, we lost two of Delaware's greatest diamonds, Mary “Elaine” Manlove and Lambert “Wayne” Manlove from Hockessin and Ocean View. It was always striking they went not by their first names but by their middle names. They were known as Elaine and Wayne Manlove. These are proud patriots, people dedicated to our State and community who spent decades giving to others.

Elaine I knew best in her role as State elections commissioner and as someone who fought hard here for funding for election security and election systems. The very last time I saw her, she was proudly showing off the brandnew statewide election system in Delaware. She didn't, tragically, get to see the fruits of her labor—the deployment of these new, state-of-the-art digital voting machines. Her many professional achievements in that role: increasing our voter rolls, modernizing machines, bringing elections to the classrooms, carrying off just this last Tuesday a near flawless statewide election. While impressive, it was just a very small part of who Elaine was.

Deeply proud of her Irish heritage, known for her kindness and her generosity, her Irish Catholic faith that she and Wayne shared was a foundation for them and for their family and their lives.

St. Patrick's Day in Wilmington was often the highlight. Elaine was one of the folks who helped organize the annual St. Patrick's Day mass and breakfast—a breakfast that raised money for the St. Patrick Center that serves some of the neediest and most marginalized in Wilmington but a breakfast that was a celebration of the intersection of faith, politics, service, hope, and community.

My own wife Annie worked with Elaine for years in New Castle County government long before her time as the State elections commissioner, and they remained close for years afterward. Annie knew her as the best mom and grandmother and friend to so many people.

Margaret Aitkin, one of Elaine's closest friends, who also served with her and my wife in county government, said:

Elaine never sought the spotlight, and she never tried to be the center of attention—she was like a warm fire that you just gravitated towards. She wasn't the life of the party; she was the reason for the party.

Elaine had a special and giving spirit that had a lasting and transformative

difference on thousands of Delawareans, from Kirkwood Soccer, to the county, to her work for elections, to her deep commitment to her faith, her family, and her community.

Wayne, her husband of 51 years, was a union electrician, a proud member of IBEW Local 313 for 53 years. Wayne loved hosting neighborhood dinners, annual crab feasts, watching his beloved Eagles with family and friends, and confounding his son because he could never get his players straight. He loved sharing the Eagles with all three of his sons.

For Wayne and Elaine, their sons, Matthew, Joe, and Michael, were the beginning, middle, and end. The Sun rose and set on their boys. They took huge delight in sharing stories about them with everyone who would sit still and listen. They did everything it took to put them through college and through parochial education. They sacrificed hugely for their children, and it made a lasting difference in their lives.

Once Elaine and Wayne were your friends, they were always your friends. They brought together people from grade school, high school, from work, and from all different walks of life. They were strongly rooted in and connected to St. Elizabeth's parish, where Elaine was baptized, where they were married, and where they just last year renewed their vows for their 50th wedding anniversary. On Monday, hundreds of us gathered to wish them farewell.

So my condolences, my deep and heartfelt condolences go out to Matthew and Meghan, to Joe, to Michael and Mary, to Elaine's brother Grant and wife Ruth, and their four grandchildren who gave them such joy: Catherine, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Finn.

I am turning now to consider another Delawarean and friend, someone I knew for decades who exemplified character, bravery, and integrity. Mike Rush—Edward Michael Rush, Jr., who passed away late last month in Bear, was someone who always rose to the tasks and challenges at hand—a Marine Corps veteran, a small business owner, a firefighter, a member of the American Legion, a stalwart of his parish, and a great friend.

He was a proud graduate of Salesianum High School and Goldey-Beacom College and a proprietor and leader of a family-owned business, Rush Uniform. He started working there in 1963, and he helped build and lead his family-owned business for decades.

I first really got to know Mike through the Better Business Bureau, where he and his family sponsored an award for ethical behavior by a family-owned business. He sponsored the Edward M. Rush, Sr. Memorial Award.

Mike was also someone whose whole heart was in the fire service. The volunteer fire service in Delaware is one of the backbones of communities up and down our State, and he was a life member of two volunteer fire compa-

nies. He was 50 years with Wilmington Manor, 33 years with Christiana, president of the New Castle County Volunteer Fire Chiefs Association, president of the Delaware Valley Fire Chief's Association, and then, ultimately, while I was county executive, president of the Delaware State Fire Chiefs Association.

Mike was also someone who did the hard work of being a fire school instructor for our State for 30 years. Mike did so much for so many others through his parish, through his fire company, through his training service, and through his service to our Nation in the military. He has earned accolades for his decades of bravery and his commitment to our community.

But more than anything, because I was not able to make it to his service, I wanted to share my condolences and the gratitude of our State and Nation for Mike's wife of 45 years, Winnie; his sisters Barbara and Catherine; his children Megan and Barbara; and his beloved grandson Seamus.

Let me now turn to another anchor of another community in our State and offer greetings and condolences to the family and the beloved of Pastor Lottie Lee-Davis. She was an ordained minister from the east side of Wilmington and a hallmark of resiliency and faith. She was a preacher's daughter, a voice for the voiceless, and a beacon of hope for many.

A friend, Alethea Smith-Tucker, told our Delaware News Journal that it was unending how many people Pastor Davis had touched and encouraged without judgment and without regard. She was the devoted pastor at Be Ready Jesus is Coming Church. She answered the call to serve beyond the confines of the pulpit. She provided housing for single mothers and their children. She led efforts to renovate parks for the community, and she recently garnered funding to build a mixed-use property just a block from her church to provide housing for those in need.

Sadly, that which she launched, she will not get to see come to fruition in this life, but I am confident that Pastor Davis will continue to inspire and engage and move the community of Wilmington, the congregation she helped lead, and the families who will benefit for years to come from her vision and her leadership of this project she just launched. Her legacy will continue to live through her work.

I wanted to give my condolences to her husband Flalandas; to her daughter Amira; and to members of the congregation, family, and friends.

Last, but certainly not least, this past week we lost someone beloved to me and to so many in the Hockessin community, Gloria Ignudo Corrozi. Gloria was a mainstay of one of the landmark couples of our State for decades.

Gloria spent 30 years working at DuPont, and like so many of her generation who had a successful career at Du-

Pont, she also was engaged in lots and lots of other community activities, engagements, and services. She spent a lot of her life also helping the Delaware Chapter of the American Diabetes Association. She served as cochair and raised tens of thousands of dollars year after year after year for this important cause.

But, frankly, her great joy was her family. Her beloved husband of 55 years, Philip Corrozi, was someone who was an incredible mentor and friend to me at work, at home, and in public service. Phil was an elected Republican, chairman of the Budget Committee, leader in our State general assembly, and someone who, with Gloria's tireless affection and support, crafted lasting solutions for our State.

Gloria was a blessing to an incredible network of friends and family, nieces and nephews, all of whom knew her as Aunt Gloria. I had the opportunity to get to know her best in the decade I spent working with Phil at a global manufacturing firm in Delaware. But Phil Corrozi, frankly, was someone who, when he gave his heart to a cause, Gloria was right alongside him and often pushing him. For a woman who never had children of her own, Gloria had so many people who knew her and thought of her as a second mother.

My heart goes out to Gloria's family and friends who, today, gathered at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Wilmington to say their final goodbyes to this gracious, kind, funny, giving, loving, powerful woman, whose witness was an important influence on my life, as well as so many others.

These are just some of the individuals our community has lost this year. Delaware is a State of neighbors, and we all feel these losses profoundly.

There was a strong, common thread amongst those I have just honored and those who have been a gift to our State. I want to return to a powerful message that Joe, Wayne and Elaine Manlove's son, gave in a eulogy just Monday at St. Elizabeth Church. It was funny; it was memorable; it was wide-ranging; it was personal; and it was touching. But at the conclusion, Joe said this. While today is sad and painful and so unexpected for all of us, I want to leave you with this thought: When you leave here today thinking of my parents and feeling the void in your life, do the following—join a civic committee, help organize your kids' Little League, volunteer for something you care about, help a neighbor with a home project, and when some email comes out saying "We need people to help," respond that you are in. Do all of it without a thought of compensation. Do it because it is the right thing to do. Do it because you want to improve the world around you. Do it because there is nothing more powerful than the heart of a volunteer.

That was them, Wayne and Elaine, but that was also Mike and Lottie and Gloria and so many other friends and neighbors who helped weave together

across different backgrounds, different political parties, and different places of origin and different communities—they weaved together a State of neighbors and left a lasting legacy. That legacy is that we love one another as we have been called to do. May we continue to be grateful for their legacies of service and live lives that would make them and their families proud.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. MCSALLY). Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING OFFICER MARSHALL WATERS

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I am here today to pay tribute to three brave law enforcement officers in Louisiana who were recently shot in the line of duty, and, sadly, one died. I begin with the man who died.

While on duty, Mangham Police Officer Marshall Waters pulled over a stolen vehicle on October 17. He was shot by the person in the car, who fled the scene and eventually crashed the car. Officer Waters later died from that injury on November 5.

Mangham Police Chief Perry Fleming says that Officer Waters was born a servant. He was a paramedic and previously served as a firefighter in nearby Franklin Parish.

Officer Waters' death will be felt throughout Northeast Louisiana. Throughout his lifetime of service, he truly touched the hearts of many. His community honored him last night with a candlelight vigil. He will be laid to rest later this week.

TRIBUTE TO OFFICER TREVOR ABNEY

Mr. CASSIDY. Madam President, I would also like to recognize New Orleans Police Officer Trevor Abney, who was shot in the face and fortunately has survived.

Officer Abney and Officer Brooke Duncan were on patrol in New Orleans on October 30. Without warning and for no reason, somebody walked by and shot through the window, striking Officer Abney in the face. He was taken to the hospital. He is said to be in good spirits, but, let's face it, you get shot in the face, you have a road of recovery ahead of you. Officer Duncan received a graze wound during the encounter. Fortunately, both officers are expected to do well. Again, the motive for the attack remains unknown, and the suspects are in custody.

These attacks are tragic reminders of the danger that law enforcement officers face every day when they report for duty. They know it. They accept

the risk. Their family accepts the risk. Their children accept the risk. Their spouse accepts the risk. They accept this risk because it serves our greater good.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our law enforcement officers for their willingness to put their lives on the line—even sacrificing it, as Officer Waters did—to keep us safe.

I ask that all join in praying for Officer Waters' family as they grieve his loss, and I ask you to join me in prayer for Officer Abney's recovery. The road ahead will be difficult, but knowing that our country supports them during these partisan times can make the difference.

With that, I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I move to proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 863.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The bill clerk read the nomination of Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The 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 Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Mitch McConnell, James E. Risch, Joni Ernst, Marsha Blackburn, Mike Crapo, James Lankford, Thom Tillis, Roy Blunt, Roger F. Wicker, Pat Roberts, Mike Rounds, John Cornyn, John Hoeven, Jerry Moran, Lamar Alexander, Mike Braun, David Perdue.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call be waived.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session to 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 ANDREA GHEZ, AND WOMEN IN SCIENCE

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, more, perhaps, than any event in our lifetimes, the COVID-19 pandemic has focused our minds on the life-and-death value of scientific research and discovery.

As the entire world waits anxiously for safe, effective, affordable vaccines and medical treatments that can protect us against this deadly virus, the recent announcements of the 2020 Nobel Prizes in science gives us reasons for hope.

While the new Nobel science laureates are not themselves involved in COVID-19 research, collectively, they have found answers to some of the most fundamental questions in science, they have made medical discoveries that have already saved millions of lives worldwide and may one day soon enable us to cure cancer and other deadly diseases.

There is another reason to be hopeful about the 2020 Nobel science laureates. For only the second time in history, women scientists received two of the three Nobel science prizes, for physics and for chemistry. And for the first time ever, two women won a Nobel science award for research they pioneered on their own, without the help of male colleagues. Their achievements underscore why we need to continue clearing hurdles for women and girls as they navigate careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. We can't afford to ignore the scientific potential of half of our society. We need all hands on deck.

Let me tell you about these new Nobel science laureates.

The 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry goes to Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier for their work on CRISPR-Cas9, a revolutionary advancement in biomedical science that enables scientists to edit and change DNA with high precision.

Jennifer Doudna is an American biochemist at the University of California, Berkeley, and Emmanuelle Charpentier is a French microchemist and director of the Max Planck Institute for Infection Biology in Berlin. They are the sixth and seventh women in history to receive the chemistry prize and the first all-women team to receive a Nobel in any science.

In less than a decade since the pair wrote a paper demonstrating the power of CRISPR-Cas9, the technique has

transformed how basic science is done. Scientists are using CRISPR to ask fundamental questions about life, such as which genes are essential to a cell's survival. Doctors are testing it as a cure for genetic conditions such as sickle cell disease and hereditary blindness, and plant scientists are using it to create new crops.

People in my home State of Illinois are especially proud of Andrea Ghez, a 2020 Nobel physics laureate who grew up in Chicago and was encouraged to pursue a career in science by a gifted teacher at the University of Chicago Laboratory School.

Dr. Ghez, director of the UCLA Galactic Center Group, received the Nobel for her pioneering research on the supermassive black hole at the center of our galaxy. She describes her research as "extreme astrophysics." Her discoveries have enabled scientists to explore black holes and their fundamental role in the evolution of the universe.

Dr. Ghez and her team conduct their research at the W.M. Keck Observatory in Hawaii. She is only the fourth woman to receive the physics prize. She shares half of the prize with Reinhard Genzel of UC Berkeley and the Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics in Berlin. The other half of the prize was awarded to Roger Penrose of the University of Oxford.

Dr. Ghez has earned numerous honors for her research, including election to the National Academy of Sciences and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 2019, she was awarded an honorary degree by Oxford University.

When she was a girl, she wanted to be the first woman to walk on the moon. She attributes her love of science partly to a woman who taught her nearly 40 years ago at the University of Chicago Laboratory School. Judith Keane was the only woman in the Lab School's physical sciences department. Dr. Ghez has said how important it was for her to see a woman in that role.

For much of history, women's involvement in science has been discouraged and their achievements have been ignored. Nevertheless, they have persisted. A few examples:

In 1903, Marie Curie became the first woman to win the Nobel Prize for Physics, for her discovery of radioactivity. She won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 8 years later for her work in isolating pure radium. She remains the only woman in history to ever win the Nobel twice and the only human to ever win a Nobel Prize in two different sciences.

Rachel Carson was a marine biologist and environmentalist whose groundbreaking book, "Silent Spring," helped launch the modern environmental movement.

Rosalind Franklin, a British chemist and molecular biologist, was one of the key figures behind unlocking the structure of human DNA, although her contributions went largely unrecognized.

Barbara McClintock was an American geneticist and the only woman

ever to have been awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine by herself. In 1993 she won the the Nobel Prize for her discovery of the "jumping gene" or the ability of genes to change position on the chromosome.

Ruth Rogan Benerito was a chemist and pioneer in bioproducts who spent most of her career at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She is credited with saving the cotton industry in post-WWII America through her discovery of a process to produce wrinkle-free, stain-free, and flame-resistant cotton fabrics.

Navy Rear Admiral Grace Hopper first developed computer languages and a compiler to translate them into machine code. She developed computer languages written in English, rather than mathematical notation, including COBOL, which is still in use today.

Katherine Johnson was an African-American mathematician and NASA space scientist who made enormous contributions to America's space programs by her incorporation of computing tools. She calculated key trajectories for America's first manned space flight and for the 1969 Apollo 11 flight to the moon.

Mae Jemison is a physician, chemist, biologist, and a former NASA astronaut. As a girl growing up on the South Side of Chicago, she was inspired to become an astronaut after watching Star Trek's Lt. Uhuru, the only Black woman aboard the Starship Enterprise. In 1992, she became the first Black woman to travel into space.

Despite the achievements of these and other women, the tradition in science of excluding women and other underrepresented groups at prestigious scientific meetings and conferences is so pervasive that some scientists sometimes refer wryly to such panels as "manels."

Dr. Francis Collins is director of the National Institutes of Health and a brilliant scientist. In June 2019, he announced that he would no longer speak at any science conference where women and other minority scientists were not included. He challenged other leaders in bioscience to do the same. Fortunately, some are. More should. As I said, we need all hands on deck.

I will close with this. About a week after the 2020 Nobel Prizes announcements, the winner of the 2020 3M Young Scientist Challenge was announced. That is the Nation's top science prize for middle schoolers. It carries a \$25,000 award.

The winner this year is a 14-year-old Indian-American girl from Frisco, TX, Anika Chebrolu. Two years ago, she began studying the Spanish Influenza of 1918 that killed at least 50 million people worldwide. Last year, she came with a bad case of the seasonal flu herself and threw herself into finding a cure. She discovered a molecule that may lead to the development of a new antiviral drug to treat COVID. The molecule binds to the spiky protein of the novel coronavirus and inhibits the spread of the virus into human cells.

Supporting the achievements of girls and women in STEM fields can help solve some of the greatest afflictions of our time and solve some of the deepest mysteries of our universe. It is a profoundly wise investment. Congratulations to the new women Nobel science laureates of 2020. May there be many more who follow in their footsteps.

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

VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I was absent due to a family health matter requiring my attention when the Senate voted on vote No. 226 on confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 865, James Ray Knepp II, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. On vote No. 226, had I been present, I would have voted yea.●

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Madam 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. 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. 20-73 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$46 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,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-73

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 Australia.

- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$40 million.
Other \$6 million.
Total \$46 million.
- (iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:
Major Defense Equipment (MDE):
Two hundred (200) Javelin FGM-148E missiles.
- Non-MDE: U.S. Government technical assistance and other related elements of logistics and program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Army (AT-B-ULLJ).
- (v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.
- (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: October 30, 2020.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—Javelin Missiles

The Government of Australia has requested to buy two hundred (200) Javelin FGM-148E missiles with U.S. Government technical assistance and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost is not to exceed \$46 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is seeking to fill a short-term shortfall in its Javelin missile inventory in order to maintain the appropriate level of readiness. Australia will not have any difficulty absorbing these missiles into its armed forces.

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

These missiles will be provided from U.S. Army stocks. There are no known offsets associated with this sale.

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

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-73

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b) 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. The system possesses a secondary capability against bunkers.

2. Javelin's key technical feature is the use of fire-and-forget technology, which allows the gunner to fire and immediately relocate or take cover. Additional special features are the top attack and/or 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 thus decreasing its detection on the battlefield.

3. The Javelin Weapon System is comprised of two major tactical components, which are a reusable Command Launch Unit (CLU) and a round contained in a disposable launch tube assembly. The CLU incorporates an integrated day-night sight that provides a target engagement capability in adverse weather and countermeasure environments. The CLU may also be used in a stand-alone mode for battlefield surveillance and target detection. The CLU's thermal sight is a second generation Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) sensor.

4. The 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. The missile has an advanced tandem warhead and can be used in either the top attack or direct fire modes (for target undercover). An onboard flight computer guides the missile to the selected target.

5. The Javelin Missile System hardware and the documentation are UNCLASSIFIED.

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

7. A determination has been made that Australia 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.

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

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Madam 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. 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. 20-25 concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Guyana for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$256 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,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-25

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 Guyana.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$0 million.
Other \$256 million.
Total \$256 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE: Two (2) Bell 412EPi Light Utility Helicopters with customer-unique modifications; two (2) Bell 429 Light Utility Helicopters with customer-unique modifications; two (2) WESCAM MX-10 cameras; mission equipment; contractor-provided pilot and maintainer training; particular ground support equipment; spares; publications; integrated product support; technical assistance; transportation; Repair and Return; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (GU-B-UAH).

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

(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: October 30, 2020.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Guyana—Bell 412EPi and 429 Helicopters

The Government of Guyana has requested to buy two (2) Bell 412EPi Light Utility Helicopters with customer-unique modifications; two (2) Bell 429 Light Utility Helicopters with customer-unique modifications; two (2) WESCAM MX-10 cameras; mission equipment; contractor-provided pilot and maintainer training; particular ground support equipment; spares; publications; integrated product support; technical assistance; transportation; Repair and Return; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$256 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve security of Guyana, which is expected to grow to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in South America.

The proposed sale of the Bell 412EPi and 429 helicopters will improve Guyana's capability to meet current and future threats. Guyana will use the enhanced capability to strengthen its homeland defense; conduct maritime surveillance, patrol, and interdiction; counter narcotic trafficking and transnational criminal organizations; deter regional threats; and support coalition partners overseas. Guyana 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 Bell Helicopter Textron Incorporated (BHTI), Piney Flats, TN. The purchaser typically requests offsets. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-25

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 Bell 412EPi is a twin-engine, 1 + 14 passenger capacity, newly manufactured utility helicopter with IFR Medium Twin (3-Axis) with Bell BASIX-PRO Integrated Avionics System and Pratt & Whitney PT6T-9 Engine TwinPac with Electronic Engine Controls (EEC/FADEC). The Bell BASIX-PRO Integrated Avionics Systems includes Multifunctional Electronic Flight Instrument System (EFIS) 6" X 8" LED PFD/MFD Displays (EICAS, PIS, SYS Diag., HSI, VOR, GPS, ADF, Speed, Alt, TAS, Video FDM)—Pilot and Copilot (4 per ship), IFR FAA Kit, AFCS/Dual Digital Flight Director Nav Coupler (3-Axis) with Stability Augmentation System (SAS), Attitude Retention (ATT), NAV/COM/VHF/GPS/ILS/LOC/GS/WAAS Garmin GTN-750, 16 Watt with Regional Map Database, Radar Altimeter #1 (KRA-405B), Distance Measuring Equipment, DME (KDM-706A), Automatic Direction Finder (ADF)—(KDF-806), Air Data Computer (ADC), Altitude & Heading Reference System (LCR-100). The Bell 412EPi is in the Search and Rescue (SAR) with Automatic Flight Control System (AFCS) configuration. The SAR system is composed of a navigation computer with SAR modes, and AFCS that provides coupled SAR functions, hoist operator control, a hover speed reference system, and two radio altimeters. This aircraft (before modification) is generally offered to the public with no special restrictions.

2. The Bell 429 is a light twin, newly manufactured helicopter. The Bell 429 features two/three multi-function displays, dual digital 3-axis autopilot and an integrated electronic data recorder provides enhanced situational awareness and post flight analysis. The Bell 429 standard configuration consists of Dual Pilot Control Provisions, Radar Altimeter (Honeywell KRA 4058, GPS GTN 750 HT A WS upgrade), Traffic Avoidance System—TAS605 with Mutable Audio (Avidyne), NAV/COM/GPS—GTN-750 ChartView Upgrade, Weather Radar (Honeywell ART/RDR-2000) Original Radome (Displayed on GTN-750). This aircraft (before modification) is generally offered to the public with no special restrictions.

3. The U.S. Government will provide modified aircraft that are globally self-deployable and appropriately equipped to be able to meet the communications, navigation, surveillance and Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) requirements for unrestricted transit through domestic and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) civilian-controlled and military-controlled airspace.

4. The WESCAM MX-10 is a small Multi-Sensor, Multi-Spectral Imaging System with Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) and Embedded with Global Positioning System (GPS) Standard Positioning Service (SPS). The WESCAM MX-10 camera system contains a HG-1900BA50 IMU manufactured by Honeywell in the United States. WESCAM

MX-10 is embedded with GPS SPS. SPS is a three-dimensional position and time determination capability provided to a user equipped with a minimum capability GPS SPS receiver in accordance with GPS national policy. The HG-1900BA50 includes Micro-Electro Mechanical Systems (MEMS) gyros and quartz resonating beam accelerometers and is an MTCR Category II controlled item, specifically 9.A.6..

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

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

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

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Madam 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. 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. 20-83 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Romania for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$175.4 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,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-83

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 * \$12.1 million.

Other \$163.3 million.

Total \$175.4 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: The Government of Romania has requested to buy upgrades to the avionics, software, communication equipment, navigational aids, and cockpit of its Mid-Life Update (MLU) Block 15 F-16 aircraft fleet along with additional logistics support.

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Eight (8) LN-260 Global Positioning System (GPS).

Nineteen (19) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio Systems (MIDS JTRS).

Non-MDE: Also included is AN/APX-126 Advanced Identification Friend or Foe (IFF); ARC-210 Radios; KIV-78 Cryptographic Appliques; other secure communications, navigation, and encryption devices; Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS) software; aircraft minor modification, integration and test support, support equipment, software and software support; personnel training; spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (RO-D-QAN); Navy (RO-P-LBF).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: RO-D-QAH.

(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: November 3, 2020.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Romania—F-16 Modernization and Logistics Support

The Government of Romania has requested to buy upgrades to the avionics, software, communication equipment, navigational aids, and cockpit of its Mid-Life Update (MLU) Block 15 F-16 aircraft fleet along with additional logistics support. Included in the aircraft modernization are eight (8) LN-260 Global Positioning System (GPS) and nineteen (19) Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio Systems (MIDS JTRS). Also included is AN/APX-126 Advanced Identification Friend or Foe (IFF); ARC-210 Radios; KIV-78 Cryptographic Appliques; other secure communications, navigation, and encryption devices; Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS) software; aircraft minor modification, integration and test support, support equipment, software and software support; personnel training; spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistical support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost is \$175.4 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability. This proposed sale will enhance U.S. national security objectives in the region.

The proposed sale will improve Romania's capability to meet current and future threats by upgrading its avionics to meet interoperability requirements for encrypted communications systems used by NATO

forces. This increased secure communications capability will assist Romania in the defense of its homeland and U.S. personnel stationed there. Romania has demonstrated a significant financial commitment to modernizing its military, which will further enhance its interoperability with NATO. Romania will have no difficulty absorbing these capabilities 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 Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company of Fort Worth, TX. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives in Romania.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-83

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 embedded GPS-INS (EGI) LN-260 is a sensor that combines GPS and inertial sensor inputs to provide accurate location information for navigating and targeting.

2. The Multifunctional Information Distribution System with Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) is an advanced Link-16 command, control, communications, and intelligence (C3I) system incorporating high-capacity, jam-resistant, digital communications links for exchange of near real-time tactical information, including both data and voice, among air, ground and sea elements.

3. The AN/APX-126 Advanced Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Combined Interrogator Transponder (CIT) is a system capable of transmitting and interrogating Mode 5.

4. The ARC-210 UHF/VHF secure radio with HAVE QUICK II is a voice communications radio system that can operate in either normal, secure, and/or jam-resistant modes.

5. The KIV-78 is a crypto applique for IFF. It can be loaded with Mode 5 classified elements.

6. The Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS) is a multi-platform PC based mission planning system.

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

8. 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.

9. 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 sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Madam 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. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
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. 20-74 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$600 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,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures:

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-74

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: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment * \$153 million.

Other \$447 million.

Total \$600 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MOE):

Four (4) Weapons-Ready MQ-98 Remotely Piloted Aircraft Two (2) Fixed Ground Control Stations.

Two (2) Mobile Ground Control Stations.

Fourteen (14) Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigations Systems

(EGI) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) (12 installed, 2 spares).

Non-MOE: Also included are MX-20 Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems and spares; Sea View Maritime Multi-Role Patrol Radars; SAGE 75(ESM) Systems; C-Band Line-of-Sight (LOS) Ground Data Terminals; Ku-Band SA TCOM GA-ASI Transportable Earth Stations (GATES); AN/DPX-7 IFF Transponders; Honeywell TPE-331-1 OGD Turboprop Engines; M6000 UHF/VHF Radios; KIV-77 Mode 5 IFF cryptographic appliques; AN/PYQ-1 OC Simple Key Loaders; secure communications, cryptographic and Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) equipment; initial spare and repair parts; hard points, power,

and data connections for weapons integration; support and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (TW-D-SAQ).

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

(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: November 3, 2020.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO)—MQ-98 Remotely Piloted Aircraft

TECRO has requested to buy four (4) Weapons-Ready MQ-9B Remotely Piloted Aircraft; two (2) Fixed Ground Control Stations; two (2) Mobile Ground Control Stations; and fourteen (14) Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigations Systems (EGI) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) (12 installed, 2 spares). Also included are MX-20 Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems and spares; SeaView Maritime Multi-Role Patrol Radars; SAGE 750 Electronic Surveillance Measures (ESM) Systems; C-Band Line-of-Sight (LOS) Ground Data Terminals; Ku-Band SA TCOM GA-ASI Transportable Earth Stations (GA TES); AN/DPX-7 IFF Transponders; Honeywell TPE-331-1 OGD Turboprop Engines; M6000 UHF/VHF Radios; KIV-77 Mode 5 IFF cryptographic appliques; AN/PYQ-1 OC Simple Key Loaders; secure communications, cryptographic and Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) equipment; initial spare and repair parts; hard points, power, and data connections for weapons integration; support and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The total estimated program cost is \$600 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, economic and progress in the region.

This proposed sale will improve the recipient's capability to meet current and future threats by providing timely Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (JSR), target acquisition, and counter-land, counter-sea, and anti-submarine strike capabilities for its security and defense. The capability is a deterrent to regional threats and will strengthen the recipient's self-defense. The recipient will have no difficulty absorbing these systems 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 General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc., San Diego, CA. The purchaser typically requests offsets. 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 recipient.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 20-74

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 MQ-9B Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) is a weapons-ready aircraft designed for Medium-Altitude Long-Endurance (MALE) Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), Target Acquisition, and Strike Missions. The MQ-9B RPA is not a USAF program of record but has close ties to, and builds upon, the proven success of the MQ-9A Reaper. The MQ-9B is a highly modular, easily configurable aircraft that contains the necessary hard points, power, and data connections to accommodate a variety of payloads and munitions to meet multiple missions—including counter-land, counter-sea, and anti-submarine strike operations. The system is designed to be controlled by two operators within a Certifiable Ground Control Station (CGCS). The CGCS is designed to emulate a reconnaissance aircraft cockpit, giving users extensive means to operate both the aircraft and sensors. The MQ-9B is able to operate using a direct Line-of-Sight (LOS) datalink or Beyond Line-of-Sight (BLOS) through satellite communications (SA TCOM). The MQ-9B system can be deployed from a single site that supports launch/recovery, mission control, and maintenance. The system also supports remote-split operations where launch/recovery and maintenance occur at a Forward Operating Base and mission control is conducted from another location or Main Operating Base (MOB).

2. The Ground Control Station (GCS) can be either fixed or mobile. The fixed GCS is enclosed in a customer-specified shelter. It incorporates workstations that allow operators to control and monitor the aircraft, as well as record and exploit downlinked payload data. The mobile GCS allows operators to perform the same functions and is contained on a mobile trailer. Workstations in either GCS can be tailored to meet customer requirements.

3. The Embedded GPS-INS (EGI) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) is a self-contained navigation system that provides the following: acceleration, velocity, position, attitude, platform azimuth, magnetic and true heading, altitude, body angular rates, time tags and coordinated universal time (UTC) synchronized time. SAASM enables the GPS receiver access to the encrypted P(Y) signal providing protection against active spoofing attacks.

4. The AN/DPX-7 is an Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Transponder used to identify and track aircraft, ships, and some ground forces to reduce friendly fire incidents.

5. The MX-20 Multi-Spectral Targeting System is a multi-use highly advanced EO/IR sensor that provides long-range surveillance, high altitude, target acquisition, tracking, range finding, and laser designation for all NATO and tri-service laser guided munitions, enabling precision-strike against a variety of land and maritime targets.

6. Sea Vue Maritime Multi-Role Patrol Radar is a synthetic aperture X-band radar that provides small-target maritime detection in high seas, maritime search (including submarine periscopes and semi-submersibles), radar imaging of ocean targets, and weather detection and avoidance.

7. The SAGE 750 Electronic Surveillance Measures (ESM) System is a UK-produced digital electronic intelligence (ELINT) sensor which analyzes the electromagnetic spectrum to map the source of active emissions. Using highly accurate Direction Finding (DF) antennas, SAGE builds target locations and provides situational awareness, advance warning of threats and the ability to cue other sensors.

8. The C-Band Line-of-Sight (LOS) Ground Data Terminals and Ku-Band SA TCOM GAA-SI Transportable Earth Stations (GA TES) provide command, control, and data acquisition for the MQ-9B.

9. The Honeywell TPE-331-10-GD Turboprop Engine is used in a variety of airborne platforms including the MQ-9B.

10. The M6000 UHF/VHF Radio is a multi-band, portable, two-way communication radio.

11. The KIV-77 Mode 5 crypto applique computer for IFF is Type I certified by the National Security Agency and provides information assurance for Mode 5 IFF equipment. The KIV-77 is used to store the classified keys.

12. The AN/APQ-IOC Simple Key Loader is a handheld fill device for securely receiving, storing, and transferring data between cryptographic and communications equipment.

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

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

15. A determination has been made that the recipient 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.

16. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the recipient.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Madam 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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DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

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. 21-05 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$2.97 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures:

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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 United Arab Emirates.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment * \$.90 billion.

Other \$2.07 billion.

Total \$2.97 billion.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to Eighteen (18) Weapons-Ready MQ-9B Remotely Piloted Aircraft.

Twelve (12) Fixed Certifiable Ground Control Stations (CGCSs).

Twenty-five (25) Raytheon Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems-D (MTS-D) EO/IR Sensors.

Nineteen (19) Lynx AN/APY-8 Synthetic Aperture Radars (SAR) with Ground Moving Target Indicator (GTMI).

Eighteen (18) RIO™ Communication Intelligence Systems.

Sixty-six (66) Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigations Systems (EGI) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Modules (SAASMs).

Five hundred fifteen (515) AGM-114R Hellfire Missiles.

Twelve (12) KMU-572 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) Tail Kits for 500LB Bombs.

Four (4) MXU-650 Airfoil Groups for 500LB Paveway II GBU-12.

Seven (7) MXU-1006 Airfoil Groups for 250LB Paveway II GBU-58.

Eleven (11) MAU-169 or MAU-209 Computer Control Groups (CCGs) for 250LB/500LB Paveway II GBU-58/GBU-12.

Six (6) FMU-139 Fuse Systems.

Twelve (12) MK-82 General Purpose 500LB Inert Bombs.

Four (4) GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb (SDB) Guided Test Vehicle (GTV) Inert Practice Munitions (T-1) with Fuse.

Non-MDE: Also included are Honeywell TPE-331 turboprop engines; Certifiable Ground Control Stations (CGCS); mobile Satellite Communication Ground Data Terminals (SGDTS); Link-16 KOR-24A Small Tactical Terminals; Automatic Information System (AIS); Rohde & Schwartz UHF/VHF radios; AN/DPX-7 IFF Transponders; Satellite Communication (SATCOM) antennas and modems with USG encryption; Secure SATCOM systems; SeaSpray 7500 maritime radars; SAGE 750 Electronic Surveillance Measures System; KY-100M security voice terminals; KIV-77 Mode 5 IFF cryptographic appliques; U.S. Government Certified Encryption Solution; Rover 6i compatible systems; MQ-9B training simulator; Due Regard Radars (DRR); Electronic Warfare (EW)

in-country threat library programming capability; BRU-71A bomb racks; BRU-78/A bomb racks; Hellfire missile rail kits; AN/AWM-103/B Station Stores Test Sets; Common Munitions Built-in-Test Reprogramming Equipment (CMBRE) Plus Block II; Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) mission kits, receivers, and acoustic processors; AN/SSQ-36B thermometric sonobuoys; AN/SSQ-53G passive sonobuoys; AN-SSQ-62F active sonobuoys; ASW acoustic operator workstations; weapons loading equipment; initial spare and repair parts; hard points, power, and data connections for weapons integration; DSU-38 Laser Illuminated Target Detector for GBU-54; AN/PYQ-10C Simple Key Loaders; Electronic Intelligence System; weapons integration; support and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (AE-D-SAC).

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

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

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

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 9, 2020.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Arab Emirates—MQ-9B Remotely Piloted Aircraft

The Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested to buy up to eighteen (18) Weapons-Ready MQ-9B, Remotely Piloted Aircraft; twenty-five (25) Raytheon Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems-D (MTS-D) EO/IR Sensors; nineteen (19) Lynx AN/APY-8 Synthetic Aperture Radars (SAR) with Ground Moving Target Indicator (GTMI); eighteen (18) RIO Communication Intelligence Systems; sixty-six (66) Embedded Global Positioning System/Inertial Navigations Systems (EGI) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Modules (SAASMs); five hundred fifteen (515) AGM-114R Hellfire Missiles; twelve (12) KMU-572 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) Tail Kits for 500LB Bombs; four (4) MXU-650 Airfoil Groups for 500LB Paveway II GBU-12; seven (7) MXU-1006 Airfoil Groups for 250LB Paveway II GBU-58; eleven (11) MAU-169 or MAU-209 Computer Control Groups (CCGs) for 250LB/500LB Paveway II GBU-58/GBU-12; six (6) FMU-139 Fuse Systems; twelve (12) MK-82 General Purpose 500LB Inert Bombs; and four (4) GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb (SDB) Guided Test Vehicle (GTV) Inert Practice Munitions (T-1) with Fuse. Also included are Honeywell TPE-331 turboprop engines; Certifiable Ground Control Stations (CGCS); mobile Satellite Communication Ground Data Terminals (SGDTs); Link-16 KOR-24A Small Tactical Terminals; Automatic Information System (AIS); Rohde & Schwartz UHF/VHF radios; AN/DPX-7 IFF Transponders; Satellite Communication (SATCOM) antennas and modems with USG encryption; Secure SATCOM systems; SeaSpray 7500 maritime radars; SAGE 750 Electronic Surveillance Measures System; KY-100M security voice terminals; KIV-77 Mode 5 IFF cryptographic appliques; U.S. Government Certified Encryption Solution; Rover 6i compatible systems; MQ-9B training simulator; Due Regard Radars (DRR); Electronic Warfare (EW) in-country threat library programming capability; BRU-71A bomb racks; BRU-78/A bomb racks; Hellfire missile rail kits; AN/AWM-103/B Station

Stores Test Sets; Common Munitions Built-in-Test Reprogramming Equipment (CMBRE) Plus Block II; Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) mission kits, receivers, and acoustic processors; AN/SSQ-36B thermometric sonobuoys; AN/SSQ-53G passive sonobuoys; AN-SSQ-62F active sonobuoys; ASW acoustic operator workstations; weapons loading equipment; initial spare and repair parts; hard points, power, and data connections for weapons integration; DSU-38 Laser Illuminated Target Detector for GBU-54; AN/PYQ-10C Simple Key Loaders; Electronic Intelligence System; weapons integration; support and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The overall total estimated value is \$2.97 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important regional partner. The UAE has been, and continues to be, a vital U.S. partner for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will improve the UAE's capability to meet current and future threats by providing timely Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR), target acquisition, locate submarines and counter-land and counter-surface sea capabilities for its security and defense. The capability is a deterrent to regional threats and strengthens its self-defense. The UAE has demonstrated a commitment to modernizing its military and will have no difficulty absorbing these articles into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will alter the basic military balance in the Arabian Gulf region by expanding the release of a weapons ready Remotely Piloted Aircraft to the region.

The principal contractors will be General Atomic Aeronautical Systems, San Diego, CA; Lockheed Martin, Bethesda, MD; Raytheon, Waltham, MA; L3Harris, Inc., Melbourne, FL; and Leonardo SpA, Rome, Italy. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale. However, the purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreements will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor(s).

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives outside the United States.

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

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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The MQ-9B Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) is a weapons-ready aircraft designed for Medium-Altitude Long-Endurance (MALE) Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), Target Acquisition, and Strike Missions. The MQ-9B RPA is not a U.S. Air Force program of record but has close ties to, and builds upon, the proven success of the MQ-9A Reaper. The MQ-9B is a highly modular, easily configurable aircraft that contains the necessary hard points, power, and data connections to accommodate a variety of payloads and munitions to meet multiple missions, including counter-land, counter-sea, and antisubmarine strike operations. The system is de-

signed to be controlled by two operators within a Certifiable Ground Control Station (CGCS). The CGCS is designed to emulate a reconnaissance aircraft cockpit, giving users extensive means to operate both the aircraft and sensors. The MQ-9B is able to operate using a direct Line-of-Sight (LOS) datalink or Beyond Line-of-Sight (BLOS) through satellite communications (SATCOM). The MQ-9B system can be deployed from a single site that supports launch/recovery, mission control, and maintenance. The system also supports remote-split operations where launch/recovery and maintenance occur at a Forward Operating Base (FOB) and mission control is conducted from another location or Main Operating Base (MOB).

2. The Ground Control Station (GCS) can be either fixed or mobile. The fixed GCS is enclosed in a customer-specified shelter. It incorporates workstations that allow operators to control and monitor the aircraft, as well as record and exploit downlinked payload data. The mobile GCS allows operators to perform the same functions and is contained on a mobile trailer. Workstations in either GCS can be tailored to meet customer requirements.

3. The SAGE 750 Electronic Surveillance Measures (ESM) System is a United Kingdom-produced digital electronic intelligence (ELINT) sensor that analyzes the electromagnetic spectrum to map the source of active emissions. Using highly accurate Direction Finding (DF) antennas, SAGE builds target locations and provides situational awareness, advance warning of threats, and the ability to cue other sensors.

4. The Raytheon Multi-Spectral Targeting Systems-D (MTS-D) EO/IR sensors is a multispectral Targeting System with Laser Target Designator (LTD). A multi-use Electro Optical (EO)/Infrared (IR) sensor provides long-range surveillance, high-altitude target acquisition, tracking, range-finding, and laser designation for all tri-service and NATO laser-guided munitions, with capabilities up to and including high definition color TV, high definition short-wave IR, medium-wave IR, and long-wave IR sensors. The AN/DAS-4 is an evolutionary upgrade to the current AN/DAS-1 system.

5. The Lynx AN/APY-8 Synthetic Aperture Radars (SAR) with Ground Moving Target Indicator (GTMI) System provides all-weather surveillance, tracking, and targeting for military and commercial customers from manned and unmanned vehicles.

6. The KOR-24A Small Tactical Terminal Link-16 is a command, control communications, and intelligence (C3I) system incorporating high-capacity, jam-resistant, digital communication links for exchange of near real-time tactical information, including both data and voice, among air, ground, and sea elements.

7. The L3 Harris RIO™ Communications Intelligence System incorporates radio receivers and flexible digital processing to create the ability to intercept, location, and copy adversary communications. The system is flexible enough that it can detect a wide variety of types of communications. The open design allows the system to be upgraded with new software features as adversary communications change.

8. The Embedded GPS-INS (EGI) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) is a self-contained navigation system that provides the following: acceleration, velocity, position, attitude, platform azimuth, magnetic and true heading, altitude, body angular rates, time tags, and coordinated universal time (UTC) synchronized time. SAASM enables the GPS receiver access to the encrypted P(Y) signal providing protection against active spoofing attacks.

9. The AN/DPX-7 is an Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Transponder used to

identify and track aircraft, ships, and some ground forces to reduce friendly fire incidents.

10. Leonardo SeaSpray Maritime Multi-Role Patrol Radar is a synthetic aperture X-band radar that provides small-target maritime detection in high seas, maritime search (including submarine periscopes and semi-submersibles), radar imaging of ocean targets, and weather detection and avoidance.

11. The C-Band Line-of-Sight (LOS) Ground Data Terminals and Ku-Band SATCOM GA-ASI Transportable Earth Stations (GATES) provide command, control, and data acquisition for the MQ-9B.

12. The KY-100M is a lightweight terminal for secure voice and data communications. The KY-100M provides wideband/narrowband half-duplex communication. Operating in tactical ground, marine and airborne applications, the KY-100M enables secure communication with a broad range of radio and satellite equipment.

13. The Honeywell TPE-331-10-GD Turbo-prop Engine is used in a variety of airborne platforms, including the MQ-9B.

14. The Rohde & Schwartz UHF/VHF Radio is a multi-band, portable, two-way communication radio.

15. The KIV-77 Mode 5 crypto applique computer for IFF is Type 1 certified by the National Security Agency and provides information assurance for both legacy Mode 4 and new Mode 5 IFF equipment. The KIV-77 is used to store the classified keys.

16. The AN/APQ-10C Simple Key Loader is a handheld fill device for securely receiving, storing, and transferring data between cryptographic and communications equipment.

17. The Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) is a guidance set that converts existing unguided bombs (MK-82, MK-83, MK-84, BLU-109, BLU-110, BLU-111, BLU-117, BLU-126 (Navy) or BLU-129 warhead) into an accurate, adverse weather "smart" munition. The Guidance Set consists of a Tail Kit, which contains the Inertial Navigation System (INS) and a Global Positioning System (GPS), and a set of Aerosurfaces and an umbilical Cover, which allows the JDAM to improve the accuracy of unguided, general purpose bombs. The Guidance Set, when combined with a warhead and appropriate fuze, forms a JDAM Guided Bomb Unit (GBU). The JDAM Guidance Set gives these bombs adverse weather capability with improved accuracy. The JDAM weapon can be delivered from modest standoff ranges at high or low altitudes against a variety of land and surface targets during the day or night. After release, JDAM autonomously guides to a target, using the resident GPS-aided INS guidance system. The JDAM is capable of receiving target coordinates via preplanned mission data from the delivery aircraft, by on-board aircraft sensors (i.e., FLIR, Radar, etc.) during captive carry, or from a third-party source via manual or automated aircrew cockpit entry.

a. The KMU-572 is the guidance set for a GBU-38 (500-pound) JDAM.

18. The Laser JDAM (GBU-54) converts existing unguided free-fall bombs into precision guided "smart" munitions by adding a new tail section containing Inertial Navigation System (INS) guidance/Global Positioning System (GPS) guidance, as well as adds a semi-active laser seeker. This allows the weapon to strike targets moving at up to 70 mph. The LJDAM weapon consists of a DSU-38 sensor, a warhead-specific JDAM guidance set installed on the bomb body, and a fuze.

19. MK-82 Inert General Purpose (GP) bomb is a 500-pound, free-fall, unguided, low-drag inert weapon used for integration testing. There is no explosive fill.

20. GBU-12/58 Paveway II (PW-II) 500-pound (GBU-12) and 250-pound (GBU-58) are maneu-

verable, free-fall, laser-guided bombs (LGBs) that guides to reflected laser energy from the desired target. Employment of the LGB is the same as a normal general purpose (GP) warhead, except the semi-active guidance corrects for employment errors inherent in any delivery system. Laser designation for the weapon can be provided by a variety of laser target markers or designators from the air or ground. The Paveway system consists of a laser guidance kit, a computer control group (CCG), a warhead-specific Air Foil Group (AFG) that attach to the nose and tail of MK-81 and MK-82 General Purpose (GP) bombs, and a fuze. The weapon is primarily used for precision bombing against non-hardened targets.

a. The MAU-169 or the MAU-209 are the CCG for the GBU-12 and GBU-58.

b. The MXU-650 is the AFG for the 500-pound GBU-12.

c. MXU-1006/B is the AFG for the 250-pound GBU-58.

21. AGM-114-R2 Hellfire II Semi-Active Laser (SAL) Missiles are rail-launched guided missiles developed and produced by Lockheed Martin. The guidance system employs a SAL seeker. The SAL missile homes in on the laser energy reflected off a target that has been illuminated by a laser designator. The laser can be on either the launch platform or another platform that can be separated from it by several kilometers. The target sets are armor, bunkers, caves, enclosures, boats, and enemy personnel. The AGM-114-R2 Hellfire II missiles use pulse-coded laser illumination. The R2 variant includes a Height-of-Burst (HOB)/proximity sensor. The AGM-114 R2 missiles each have a multi-purpose selectable warhead and inertial measurement unit (IMU)-Aided Trajectories.

22. The GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb Increment 1 (SDB-1) is a 250-pound, GPS-aided inertial navigation system, small autonomous, day or night, adverse weather, conventional, air-to-ground precision glide weapon able to strike fixed and stationary relocatable non-hardened targets from standoff ranges. It is intended to provide aircraft with an ability to carry a high number of bombs. Aircraft are able to carry four SDBs in place of one 2,000-pound bomb.

a. SDB I Guided Test Vehicle (GTV) is an SDB II configuration used for land or sea range-based testing of the SDB I weapon system. The GTV has common flight characteristics of an SDB I All Up Round (AUR), but in place of the multi-effects warhead is a Flight Termination, Tracking, and Telemetry (FTTT) subassembly that mirrors the AUR multi-effects warhead's size and mass properties, yet provides safe flight termination, free flight tracking, and telemetry of encrypted data from the GTV to the data receivers. The SDB I GTV can have either inert or live fuses. All other flight control, guidance, data-link, and seeker functions are representative of the SDB I AUR.

23. The Joint Programmable Fuze (JPF) FMU-139 is a multi-delay, multi-arm and proximity sensor compatible with general purpose blast, frag, and hardened-target penetrator weapons. The JPF settings are cockpit selectable in flight when used numerous precision-guided weapons. It can interface with numerous weapons including GBU-12, GBU-58, GBU-54, and GBU-38.

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

25. 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.

26. A determination has been made that the United Arab Emirates 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.

27. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Madam 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. 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. 21-03 concerning the Air Force's and the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$10.0 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 21-03

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 United Arab Emirates

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$6.4 billion.
Other \$3.6 billion.
Total \$10.0 billion.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Weapons are for Multi-Platform Aircraft with Up-To Quantities:
Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Eight hundred two (802) AIM-120C8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM).

Sixteen (16) AIM-120C8 AMRAAM Guidance Sections Spares.

Two thousand four (2,004) MK-82 500LB General Purpose. (GP) Bombs.

Seventy-two (72) MK-82 Inert 500LB GP Bombs.

One thousand (1,000) MK-84 2,000LB GP Bombs.

One thousand two (1,002) MK-83 1,000LB GP Bombs.

Two thousand five hundred (2,500) Small Diameter Bomb Increment 1 (SDB-1), GBU-39/B, with CNU-659/E Container.

Eight (8) GBU-39 SDB-1 Guided Test Vehicles.

Two thousand (2,000) KMU-572 Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) Tail Kit for SOOLB Bombs.

One thousand (1,000) KMU-556 JDAM Tail Kit for 2,000LB Bombs.

One thousand (1,000) KMU-559 JDAM Tail Kit for 1,000LB Bombs.

Four thousand (4,000) FMU-139 Fuze Systems.

Six hundred fifty (650) AGM-154C Joint Stand Off Weapons (JSOWs).

Fifty (50) AGM-154E Joint Stand Off Weapons—Extended Range (JSOW-ER).

One hundred fifty (150) AGM-88E Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile (AARGM) Tactical Missiles.

Six (6) CATM-88 AARGM CATMs.

Non-MDE:

Also included are six (6) AGM-154C JSOW-C Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs); six (6) AGM-154E JSOW-ER CATMs; ARD 446-1B and ARD 863-1A1W Impulse Cartridges; JSOW-C Dummy Air Training Missiles (DATM); JSOW-C Captive Flight Vehicles (CFVs); JSOW-ER DATMs; JSOW-ER CFVs; PGU-23/U training ammunition, encryption devices and keying equipment for test missiles (not for export); Laser Illuminated Target Detector, DSU-38A/B; software delivery and support; AIM-120C Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM) and Airborne Instrumented Units (AIU) Telemetry Sections; missile containers; munitions components; aircraft test and integration support; containers; mission planning; munitions security, storage and training; facility design, construction and quality standards; weapon operational flight program software development; transportation; tools and test equipment; support equipment; spare and repair parts; weapons and aircraft integration support and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment, devices and software; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; site surveys; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (AE-D-YAF, AE-D-QAM); Navy (AE-P-ABN, AE-P-ABO, AE-P-ABP, AE-P-ABQ).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: AE-D-YAB, AE-D-YAC, AE-D-AAD, AE-D-AAE, AE-D-AAF, and AE-P-ABE.

(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: November 9, 2020.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Arab Emirates—Munitions, Sustainment and Support

The Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested to buy eight hun-

dred two (802) AIM-120C8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM); sixteen (16) AIM-120C8 AMRAAM guidance sections spares; two thousand four (2,004) MK-82 500LB General Purpose (GP) Bombs; seventy-two (72) MK-82 Inert 500LB GP Bombs; one thousand (1,000) MK-84 2,000LB GP Bombs; one thousand two (1,002) MK-83 1,000LB GP Bombs; two thousand five hundred (2,500) Small Diameter Bomb Increment 1 (SDB-1), GBU-39/B, with CNU-659/E Container; eight (8) GBU-39 SDB-1 Guided Test Vehicles; two thousand (2,000) KMU-572 Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) Tail Kit for 500LB Bombs; one thousand (1,000) KMU-556 JDAM Tail Kit for 2,000LB Bombs; one thousand (1,000) KMU-559 JDAM Tail Kit for 1,000LB Bombs; four thousand (4,000) FMU-139 Fuze systems; six hundred fifty (650) AGM-154C Joint Stand Off Weapons (JSOWs); fifty (50) AGM-154E Joint Stand Off Weapons—Extended Range (JSOW-ER); one hundred fifty (150) AGM-88E Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile (AARGM) Tactical Missiles; six (6) CATM-88 AARGM CATMs. Also included are six (6) JSOW-C AGM-154C Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs); six (6) JSOW-ER AGM-154E CATMs; ARD 446-1B and ARD 863-1A1 W Impulse Cartridges; JSOW-C Dummy Air Training Missiles (DATM); JSOW-C Captive Flight Vehicles (CFVs); JSOW-ER DATMs; JSOW-ER CFVs; PGU-23/U training ammunition, encryption devices and keying equipment for test missiles (not for export); Laser Illuminated Target Detector, DSU-38A/B; software delivery and support; AIM-120C Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM) and Airborne Instrumented Units (AIU) Telemetry Sections; missile containers; munitions components; aircraft test and integration support; containers; mission planning; munitions security, storage and training; facility design, construction and quality standards; weapon operational flight program software development; transportation; tools and test equipment; support equipment; spare and repair parts; weapons and aircraft integration support and test equipment; publications and technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment, devices and software; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; site surveys; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost is \$10.0 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important regional partner. The UAE has been, and continues to be, a vital U.S. partner for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will improve the UAE's capability to meet current and future threats by providing enhanced capabilities to various aircraft platforms in effective defense of air, land, and sea. The proposed sale of the missiles/munitions and support will increase interoperability with the U.S. and align the UAE Air Force's capabilities with existing regional baselines. Further, the UAE continues to provide host-nation support of vital U.S. forces stationed in the UAE and plays a vital role in supporting U.S. regional interests. The UAE will have no difficulty absorbing these weapons into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support represents a significant increase in capability and will alter the regional military balance.

The principal contractors will be Raytheon, Tucson, AZ; and Northrop Grumman Information Systems, Ridgecrest, CA. If requested, F-16 integration will be completed via Direct Commercial Sale (DCS) between Lockheed Martin and the purchaser.

The munitions will be sourced through procurement and the contractor determined during contract negotiations. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale. However, the purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreements will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor(s).

Implementation of this proposed sale will require annual trips to the UAE involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews, support, and oversight.

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 21-03

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

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AIM-120C-7/C-8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) is a supersonic, air launched, aerial intercept, guided missile featuring digital technology and micro-miniature solid-state electronics. The potential sale will include AMRAAM Guidance Sections. 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-120C-8 is a form, fit, function refresh of the AIM-120C-7 and is the next generation to be produced.

2. The AMRAAM NDI-Airborne Instrumented Unit (AIU) telemetry set replaces the missile's warhead, thus allowing for secured telemetered test shots. The NDI-AIU telemetry set is non-exportable and will remain under the control of the U.S. Government or U.S. Defense Contractor.

3. The MK-82 General Purpose (GP) bomb is a 500 pound, free-fall, unguided, low-drag weapon. The MK-82 is designed for soft, fragment-sensitive targets and is not intended for hard targets or penetrations. The explosive filling is usually tritonal, though other compositions have sometimes been used.

4. MK-82 Inert General Purpose (GP) bomb is a 500 pound, free-fall, unguided, low-drag inert weapon used for integration testing. There is no explosive fill.

5. The MK-83 General Purpose (GP) bomb is a 1,000 pound, free-fall, unguided, low-drag weapon. The MK-83 is designed for soft, fragment-sensitive targets and is not intended for hard targets or penetrations. The explosive filling is usually tritonal, though other compositions have sometimes been used.

6. The MK-84 General Purpose (GP) bomb is a 2,000 pound, free-fall, unguided, low-drag weapon. The MK-84 is designed for soft, fragment sensitive targets and is not intended for hard targets or penetrations. The explosive filling is usually tritonal, though other compositions have sometimes been used.

7. The GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb Increment 1 (SDB-1) is a 250-pound, GPS-aided inertial navigation system, small autonomous, day or night, adverse weather, conventional, air-to-ground precision glide weapon able to strike fixed and stationary relocatable non-hardened targets from standoff ranges. It is intended to provide aircraft with an ability to carry a high number of bombs. Aircraft are able to carry four SDBs in place of one 2,000-pound bomb.

8. The Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) is a guidance set which converts existing unguided bombs (MK-82, MK-83, MK-84, BLU-109, BLU-110, BLU-111, BLU-117, BLU-126 (Navy) or BLU-129 warhead) into an accurate, adverse weather "smart" munition. The Guidance Set consists of a Tail Kit,

which contains the Inertial Navigation System (INS) and a Global Positioning System (GPS), a set of Aerosurfaces and an umbilical cover, which allows the JDAM to improve the accuracy of unguided, General Purpose bombs. The JDAM weapon can be delivered from modest standoff ranges at high or low altitudes against a variety of land and surface targets during the day or night. JDAM is capable of receiving target coordinates via preplanned mission data from the delivery aircraft, by onboard aircraft sensors (i.e., FLIR, Radar, etc.) during captive carry, or from a third-party source via manual or automated aircrew cockpit entry. The Guidance Set, when combined with a warhead and appropriate fuze, forms a JDAM Guided Bomb Unit (GBU).

a. (U) The KMU-572F/B is the tailkit for a GBU-38 500LB JDAM.

b. (U) The KMU-559B/B is the tailkit for a GBU-32 1000LB JDAM.

c. (U) The KMU-556B/B is the tailkit for a GBU-31 2000LB JDAM.

9. The Laser JDAM (GBU-54) converts existing unguided free-fall bombs into precision-guided "smart" munitions by adding a new tail section containing Inertial Navigation System (INS) guidance/Global Positioning System (GPS) guidance and adds a semi-active laser seeker. This allows the weapon to strike targets moving at up to 70 mph. The LJDAM weapon consists of a DSU-38 sensor, a JDAM guidance set installed on the bomb body, and a fuze. The DSU-38 consists of a laser spot tracker (same size and shape as a DSU-33 proximity fuze), a cable connecting the DSU-38 to the basic JDAM guidance set, a cable cover, cable cover tie-down straps, modified tail kit door and wiring harness, and associated modified JDAM software that incorporates navigation and guidance flight software to support both LJDAM and standard JDAM missions.

10. The Joint Programmable Fuze (JPF) FMU-139 is a multi-delay, multi-arm and proximity sensor compatible with general purpose blast, frag and hardened-target penetrator weapons. The JPF settings are cockpit selectable in flight when used numerous precision-guided weapons. It can interface with the following weapons: GBU-31, GBU-32, GBU-38, and GBU-54.

11. The AGM-154 JSOW is used by the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Air Force, and allows aircraft to attack well-defended targets in day, night, and adverse weather conditions. The AGM-154C carries a BROACH warhead. The BROACH warhead incorporates an advanced multi stage warhead. The JSOW uses the GPS Precise Positioning System (PPS), which provides for a more accurate capability than the commercial version of GPS.

12. The JSOW-C utilizes GPS/INS guidance and an uncooled imaging infrared seeker for terminal guidance, Autonomous Acquisition, and provides a precision targeting, 500-pound-class tandem warhead that is the U.S. Navy's primary standoff weapon against hardened targets.

13. The AGM-154E JSOW-ER adds an engine, and supporting components, to the JSOW C Airframe. The JSOW-ER uses the 300-pound Maverick Warhead due to its smaller size, thereby creating room for fuel, but maintains the same penetration capability as the JSOW C.

14. The AGM-88E Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile (AARGM) weapon system is an air-to-ground missile intended for Suppression of Enemy Air Defenses (SEAD) and Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses (DEAD) missions. The AARGM provides suppression or destruction of enemy RADAR and denies the enemy the use of air defense systems, thereby improving the survivability of tactical aircraft.

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

16. 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.

17. A determination has been made that the UAE 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.

18. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Madam 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. 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. 21-01 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Arab Emirates for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$10.4 billion. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 21-01

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 United Arab Emirates (UAE).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$5.8 billion.

Other \$4.6 billion.

Total \$10.4 billion.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Fifty (50) F-35A Joint Strike Fighter Conventional Take-Off and Landing (CTOL) Aircraft.

Fifty-four (54) Pratt & Whitney F-135 Engines (up to 50 installed and 4 spares).

Non-MDE: Also included are 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 chaff and infrared flares; reprogramming center access; F-35 Performance Based Logistics; software development/integration; aircraft ferry and tanker support; 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.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (AE-D-SAC).

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

(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: November 9, 2020.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Arab Emirates—F-35 Joint Strike Fighter

The Government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has requested to buy up to fifty (50) F-35A Joint Strike Fighter Conventional Take-Off and Landing (CTOL) aircraft and fifty-four (54) Pratt & Whitney F-135 Engines (up to 50 installed and 4 spares). Also included are 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 chaff and infrared flares; reprogramming center access; F-35 Performance Based Logistics; software development/integration; aircraft ferry and tanker support; 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 total estimated cost is \$10.4 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important regional partner. The UAE has been, and continues to be, a vital U.S. partner for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale of F-35s will provide the Government of the UAE with a credible defense capability to deter aggression in the region and ensure interoperability with U.S. forces. The UAE has demonstrated a commitment to modernizing its military and

will have no difficulty absorbing these aircraft into their armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support represents a significant increase in capability and will alter the regional military balance.

The prime contractors will be Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, Fort Worth, TX; and Pratt & Whitney Military Engines, East Hartford, CT. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale. However, the purchaser typically requests offsets. Any offset agreements will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor(s).

Implementation of this proposed sale may require the assignment of U.S. Government or contractor representatives to the UAE. Implementation of this proposed sale will require multiple trips to the UAE involving U.S. Government and contractor representatives for technical reviews/support, program management, and training over the life of the program. U.S. contractor representatives will be required in the UAE to conduct Contractor Engineering Technical Services (CETS) and Autonomic Logistics and Global Support (ALGS) for after-aircraft delivery.

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

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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The F-35A Conventional Take Off and Landing (CTOL) aircraft is a single-seat, single engine, all-weather, stealth, fifth-generation, multirole aircraft. The F-35A contain sensitive technology, including the low observable airframe/outer mold line, the Pratt & Whitney F135 engine, AN/APG-81 radar, an integrated core processor central computer, a mission systems/electronic warfare suite, a multiple sensor suite, technical data/documentation, and associated software. Sensitive elements of the F35A are also included in operational flight and maintenance trainers. Sensitive elements of the F-35A CTOL aircraft include hardware, accessories, components, and associated software for the following major subsystems:

a. The Pratt and Whitney F 135 engine is a single 40,000-pound thrust class engine designed for the F-35 and assures highly reliable, affordable performance. The engine is designed to be utilized in all F-35 variants, providing unmatched commonality and supportability throughout the worldwide base of F-35 users.

b. The AN/APG-81 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) is a high processing power/high transmission power electronic array capable of detecting air and ground targets from a greater distance than mechanically scanned array radars. It also contains a synthetic aperture radar (SAR), which creates high-resolution ground maps and provides weather data to the pilot, and provides air and ground tracks to the mission system, which uses it as a component to fuse sensor data.

c. The Electro-Optical Targeting System (EOTS) provides long-range detection and tracking, as well as an infrared search and track (IRST) and forward-looking infrared (FLIR) capability for precision tracking, weapons delivery, and bomb damage assessment (BOA). The EOTS replaces multiple separate internal or podded systems typically found on legacy aircraft.

d. The Electro-Optical Distributed Aperture System (EODAS) provides the pilot with full spherical coverage for air-to-air and air-to-ground threat awareness, day/night vision

enhancements, a fire control capability, and precision tracking of wingmen/friendly aircraft. The EODAS provides data directly to the pilot's helmet as well as the mission system.

e. The Electronic Warfare (EW) system is a reprogrammable, integrated system that provides radar warning and electronic support measures (ESM), along with a fully integrated countermeasures (CM) system. The EW system is the primary subsystem used to enhance situational awareness, targeting support and self-defense through the search, intercept, location and identification of in-band emitters and to automatically counter infrared (IR) and radio frequency (RF) threats.

f. The Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence/Communications, Navigation, and Identification (C4I/CNI) system provides the pilot with unmatched connectivity to flight members, coalition forces, and the battlefield. It is an integrated subsystem designed to provide a broad spectrum of secure, anti-jam voice and data communications, precision radio navigation and landing capability, self-identification, beyond visual range target identification, and connectivity to off-board sources of information. It also includes an inertial navigation and global positioning system (GPS) for precise location information. The functionality is tightly integrated within the mission system to enhance efficiency.

g. The aircraft C4I/CNI system includes two data links, the Multi-Function Advanced Data Link (MADL) and Link 16. The MADL is designed specifically for the F-35 and allows for stealthy communications between F-35s. Link 16 data link equipment allows the F-35 to communicate with legacy aircraft using widely-distributed J-series message protocols.

h. The F-35 Autonomic Logistics Global Sustainment (ALGS) provides a fully integrated logistics management solution. ALGS integrates a number of functional areas, including supply chain management, repair, support equipment, engine support, and training. The ALGS infrastructure employs a state-of-the-art information system that provides real-time, decision-worthy information for sustainment decisions by flight line personnel. Prognostic health monitoring technology is integrated with the air system and is crucial to predictive maintenance of vital components.

i. The F-35 Operational Data Integrated Network (ODIN) provides an intelligent information infrastructure that binds all the key concepts of ALGS into an effective support system. ODIN establishes the appropriate interfaces among the F-35 Air Vehicle, the warfighter, the training system, government information technology (IT) systems, and supporting commercial enterprise systems. Additionally, ODIN provides a comprehensive tool for data collection and analysis, decision support and action tracking.

j. The F-35 Training System includes several training devices to provide integrated training for pilots and maintainers. The pilot training devices include a Full Mission Simulator (FMS) and Mission Rehearsal Trainer (MRT). The maintainer training devices include an Aircraft Systems Maintenance Trainer (ASMT), Ejection System Maintenance Trainer (ESMT), Outer Mold Line (OML) Lab, Flexible Linear Shaped Charge (FLSC) Trainer, F135 Engine Module Trainer, Weapons Loading Trainer (WLT), and other training devices. The F-35 Training System can be integrated, where both pilots and maintainers learn in the same Integrated Training Center (ITC).

k. Other subsystems, features, and capabilities include the F-35's low observable air

frame, Integrated Core Processor (ICP) Central Computer, Helmet Mounted Display System (HMDS), Pilot Life Support System (PLSS), Mission Planning System Environment (MPSE), and publications/maintenance manuals. The HMDS provides a fully sunlight readable, bi-ocular display presentation of aircraft information projected onto the pilot's helmet visor. The use of a night vision camera integrated into the helmet eliminates the need for separate Night Vision Goggles. The PLSS provides a measure of Pilot Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Protection through use of an On-Board Oxygen Generating System (OBOGS) and an escape system that provides additional protection to the pilot. OBOGS takes the Power and Thermal Management System (PTMS) air and enriches it by removing gases (mainly nitrogen) by adsorption, thereby increasing the concentration of oxygen in the product gas and supplying breathable air to the pilot. The MPSE provides a mission planning, mission briefing, and a maintenance/intelligence/tactical debriefing platform for the F-35.

2. The Reprogramming Center is located in the United States and provides F-35 customers a means to update F-35 electronic warfare databases.

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

4. 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.

5. A determination has been made that the United Arab Emirates 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.

6. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Madam 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. 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. 21-0A. 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 17-20 of March 7, 2018.

Sincerely,

HEIDI H. GRANT,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 21-0A

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

(i) Purchaser: Government of the United Arab Emirates.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 17-20.

Date: March 7, 2018.

Military Department: Navy.

(iii) Description: On March 7, 2018, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 17-20 of the possible sale under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act of three hundred (300) AIM-9X-2 Sidewinder Block II All-Up-Round Missiles; forty (40) AIM-9X-2 Sidewinder Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs); thirty (30) AIM-9X-2 Block II Tactical Guidance Units; fifteen (15) AIM-9X-2 CATM Units; containers; spares; support equipment and missile support; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related logistics support; and other associated support equipment and services. The estimated cost was \$270.4 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$240 million of this total.

This transmittal reports the addition of five hundred (500) Sidewinder AIM 9X Block II+ (Plus) Tactical Missiles; forty (40) Sidewinder AIM 9X Block II Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs); three (3) Sidewinder AIM 9X Block II Special Air Training Missiles (NATMS); fifty (50) Sidewinder AIM 9X Block II+ (Plus) Tactical Guidance Units; twenty-five (25) Sidewinder AIM 9X Block II CATM Guidance Units; containers; spares; support equipment and missile support; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance and other related logistics support; and other associated support equipment and services with a value of \$490 million. The total notified cost of MDE will increase to \$730 million, and the total notified case value will increase to \$840.5 million.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided to report the inclusion of MDE items not previously notified. This potential sale will improve the UAE's capability to meet current and future threats and provide greater security for its critical infrastructure. The addition of the Sidewinder AIM 9X Block II+ (Plus) Tactical Missiles represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The UAE will use the enhanced capability to strengthen its homeland defense.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale of the Sidewinder AIM 9X Block II+ (Plus) Tactical Missile will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of an important regional partner. The UAE has been, and continues to be, a vital U.S. partner for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sidewinder AIM 9X Block II+ (Plus) Tactical Mis-

sile represents a substantial increase in missile acquisition and kinematics performance over the AIM-9M and replaces the AIM 9X Block I Missile configuration. The missile includes a high off-boresight seeker, enhanced countermeasure rejection capability, low drag/high angle of attack airframe and the ability to integrate the Helmet Mounted Cueing System. The software algorithms are the most sensitive portions of the Sidewinder AIM 9X Block II+ (Plus) Tactical Missile. The software continues to be modified via a Pre-Planned Product Improvement (P3I) program in order to improve its counter-countermeasure capabilities. No software source code or algorithms will be released. The highest level of classification of information included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 9, 2020.

CONFIRMATION OF AMY CONEY BARRETT

Mr. BURR. Madam President, last month the Senate confirmed the newest Justice to the Supreme Court, Amy Coney Barrett. As members of this body, one of our great privileges and weightiest responsibilities is to fulfill the role of "advice and consent" provided in the Constitution to examine and, if merited, confirm the President's nominees. In the case of the Federal judiciary, not only will these nominees out serve many of us in the Senate, their rulings will shape the fabric of our Nation the way that affects generations.

It is with a great understanding of this that I consider judicial nominees and also why I am proud to have been able to vote in support of Justice Barrett's confirmation. Much has been said about her legal abilities and credentials and how she has consistently distinguished herself as a student, a law clerk and practitioner, academic, and judge on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Yet two characteristics beyond her stellar resume enabled me to decisively cast my vote for her to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States: her respect for the Constitution and her character.

Throughout her career, Justice Barrett has shown she will uphold the Constitution and that she understand the checks and balances that are a part of our democracy. She has stated multiple times that "It is never appropriate for a judge to impose that judge's personal convictions," and her writing and her statements and her opinions for the Seventh Circuit demonstrate her respect for the rule of law; for the responsibilities of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches; and for interpreting the law in accordance with the "the meaning it had at the time people ratified it." This understanding is crucial for judges to ensure that the legislature has its proper role, that the Constitution is followed as written and amended when changes are necessary, and that our system has the proper checks and balances.

With regards to her character, Judge Barrett's career and life demonstrate

the kind of person she is. She has received public awards, including the Notre Dame Law School's Distinguished Teaching Award three times, being selected by graduating law students as a professor "who exhibits excellence in leadership, friendship, legal knowledge, legal teaching, and professional ability." She has received the accolade of her fellow clerks on the Supreme Court, including the clerks of the late Justice Ginsburg, who called her "smart, honorable, and fair-minded." She was lauded by fellow professors at Notre Dame as someone who has "in abundance all of the other qualities that shape extraordinary jurists: discipline, intellect, wisdom, impeccable temperament, and above all, fundamental decency and humanity." It goes without saying that these are the qualities of an individual who we want serving on the highest court of our land.

For a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court, an individual must be the entire package. I am confident that Justice Barrett's credentials, judicial philosophy, and character will serve our Nation well for decades to come, and I am honored to have supported her nomination.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING ANNA MARIA OYSTER BAR

• Mr. RUBIO. Madam President, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit at the heart of our country. It is an honor to recognize a family-owned small business known for its industry leadership and local philanthropy. Today, it is my pleasure to name Anna Maria Oyster Bar of Bradenton, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

As a student at Clemson University, John Horne spent his summers working at a restaurant on the Florida shore. Drawn to the hospitality industry, John chose to pursue a business degree and establish his own restaurant. After earning his degree, he worked in several hospitality roles, gaining both managerial and front-line experience. John achieved his goal in 1997, opening the original Anna Maria Oyster Bar—AMOB—on the Anna Maria City Pier. Its family-oriented atmosphere and delicious food proved a hit, leading to a second location in 2002.

Twenty years later, Anna Maria Oyster Bar has expanded to four locations in the Bradenton area and has become a local favorite. The business remains family-owned, with John's wife, Amanda, directing marketing and community involvement. Their strong sense of family has built a tight-knit and supportive team that still includes some of their first employees.

John is a champion of Manatee County's hospitality industry, a strong advocate of his trade and his work on philanthropic projects. AMOB has been recognized as Small Business of the Year by the Manatee, Sarasota, and Longboat Key Chambers of Commerce. John was also named the 2018 Anna Maria Island Rotary Club Small Businessperson of the Year. AMOB also received the Champion of Tourism Award from the Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau and the 2020 Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Award from TripAdvisor.

In 2017, John and Amanda founded Dive Into Reading, a summer reading and mentorship program. Collaborating with local elementary schools, AMOB has provided more than 500 underprivileged schoolchildren free meals, one-one-mentorship, and free books. For its impact, Dive Into Reading earned the National Restaurant Educational Foundation 2018 Restaurant Neighbor Award and the 2019 Leadership Florida Impact Award.

Like many Florida small businesses, Anna Maria Oyster Bar temporarily closed its doors due to the coronavirus pandemic. In April 2020, the U.S. Small Business Administration launched the Paycheck Protection Program, a small business relief program that I was proud to author. The PPP provides forgivable loans to impacted small businesses and nonprofits who maintain their payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. John and Amanda used their PPP loan to keep their more than 320 employees on the payroll until their restaurants reopened in May.

Anna Maria Oyster Bar is a notable example of the critical role of relationship-driven small businesses in building community. Through their philanthropy and industry leadership, AMOB has provided dignified work and invested in the next generation. Congratulations to John, Amanda, and the entire team at Anna Maria Oyster Bar. I look forward to watching your continued growth and leadership.●

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-5778. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rural Energy Saving Program (RESP)" (RIN0572-AC45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5779. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Business and Industry Guaranteed Loanmaking and Servicing Regulations CARES Act Program" (RIN0572-AC45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the

Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5780. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Authority to Enable Funding of Broadband and Smart Utility Facilities Across Select Rural Development Programs" (RIN0572-AC50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5781. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Administration's annual report for calendar year 2019; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5782. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program" (RIN0572-AC50) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5783. A communication from the Deputy Administrator for Policy Support, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commodity Supplemental Food Program: Implementation of the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018" (RIN0584-AE66) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 9, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5784. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Egg Products Inspection Regulations" (RIN0583-AC58) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2020; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5785. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of General Stephen W. Wilson, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5786. A communication from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the mobilizations of selected reserve units, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2020; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5787. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Certain Emergency Facilities in the Regulatory Capital Rule and Liquidity Coverage Ratio Rule" (RIN1557-AE89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5788. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Real Estate Appraisals" (RIN1557-AE86) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5789. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Customer Margin Rules Relating to Security Futures" (RIN3235-AM55) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5790. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Interim Final Rule - Applicability of Annual Independent Audits and Reporting Requirements for Fiscal Years Ending in 2021" (RIN3064-AF63) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5791. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ghana; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5792. A communication from the Chairman and President of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to transactions involving U.S. exports to Ghana; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5793. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rule: Revised Transition of the Current Expected Credit Losses Methodology for Allowances" (RIN1557-AE82) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5794. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rule: Temporary Changes to and Transition for the Community Bank Leverage Ratio Framework" (RIN1557-AE89) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5795. A communication from the Program Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Capital Rule and Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity Rule: Eligible Retained Income" (RIN1557-AE81) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5796. A communication from the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualified Mortgage Definition under the Truth in Lending Act (Regulation Z): Extension of Sunset Date" (RIN3170-AA98) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5797. A communication from the Secretary of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualifications of Accountants" (RIN3235-AM63) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5798. A communication from the Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Off-Road Vehicle Use" (RIN1006-AA57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 28, 2020; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5799. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Plan Approval; California; Butte County; El Dorado County; Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District; San Diego County; Ventura County" (FRL No. 10014-19-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5800. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Implementation Plan; California; Calaveras County Air Pollution Control District and Mariposa County Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 10015-31-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5801. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Under the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)" (FRL No. 10014-11-Region 3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5802. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Technical Amendment" (FRL No. 10016-32-Region 5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5803. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Iowa; Air Quality Implementation Plan-Muscatine Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area and Start-Up, Shutdown, Malfunction SIP Call Withdrawal" (FRL No. 10016-10-Region 7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5804. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District" (FRL No. 10014-90-Region 9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5805. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source

Review (NNSR); Project Emissions Accounting" (FRL No. 10016-21-OAR) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5806. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the President's intent to suspend the application of duty-free treatment to certain eligible articles that are the product of Thailand; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5807. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2021 Home Health Prospective Payment System Rate Update, Home Health Quality Reporting Program Requirements, and Home Infusion Therapy Services and Supplier Enrollment Requirements; and Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Model Data Submission Requirements" (RIN0938-AU06) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 3, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5808. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2021 Cost-of-Living Adjustments to the Internal Revenue Code Tax Tables and Other Items" (Rev. Proc. 2020-45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5809. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance on the Determination of the Section 4968 Excise Tax Applicable to Certain Colleges and Universities" (RIN1545-BO75) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5810. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Consolidated Net Operating Losses" (RIN1545-BP27) (TD 9927) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5811. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Requirement that Specified Tax Return Preparers Electronically File Form 1040-NR (United States Non-resident Alien Income Tax Return)" (Notice 2020-70) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5812. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Supplemental Benefits to Treat or Prevent Substance Use Disorders under Medicare Advantage Plans"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5813. A communication from the Director of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treasury Decision (TD): Effect of Section 67(g) on Trusts and Estates" (RIN1545-BO7) (TD 9918) received during adjournment of

the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5814. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treasury Decision (TD): Eligible Terminated S Corporations" (RIN1545-BP20) (TD 9914) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5815. A communication from the Director of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treasury Decision (TD): Dependent Defined" (RIN1545-BP52) (TD 9913) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5816. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "ISDA Protocol for Interbank Offered Rates" (Rev. Proc. 2020-44) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5817. A communication from the Director of the Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 2020-46" (Rev. Proc. 2020-46) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5818. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Withholding and Reporting With Respect to Payments From Qualified Plans to State Unclaimed Property Funds" (Rev. Rul. 2020-24) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5819. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Department of Labor's 2019 Findings on the Worst Forms of Child Labor"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5820. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor"; to the Committees on Foreign Relations; and the Judiciary.

EC-5821. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment and Scholarship Programs Fiscal Year 2019"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5822. A communication from the Director of Regulations and Policy Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Prescription Drugs" (RIN0910-AI45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-5823. A communication from the General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Deputy Director for Management, Office of

Management and Budget, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5824. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to six audit reports issued during fiscal year 2020 regarding the Agency and the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5825. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Simplification of Catch-Up Contribution Process" (5 CFR Parts 1600, and 1605) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 2, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5826. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "General Schedule Locality Pay Areas" (RIN3206-A005) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5827. A communication from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2021-02, Introduction" (FAC 2021-02) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5828. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Probation on Initial Appointment to a Competitive Position, Performance-Based Reduction in Grade and Removal Actions and Adverse Actions" (RIN3206-AN60) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5829. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Procedures" (RIN3206-A001) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 26, 2020; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5830. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-446, "Sanctuary Values Temporary Amendment Act of 2020"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5831. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-450, "Autonomous Vehicles Testing Program Amendment Act of 2020"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-5832. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 23-451, "Vision Zero Enhancement Omnibus Amendment Act of 2020"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. RUBIO, from the Select Committee on Intelligence:

Special Report entitled "Russian Active Measures Campaigns and Interference in the 2016 U.S. Election" (Rept. No. 116-290).

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. LEE:

S. 4882. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to limit the authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4883. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide certain notice to a person filing a claim against the Department of Veterans Affairs for damage, injury, or death on Standard Form 95, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 4884. A bill to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on injuries and deaths associated with consumer products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 4885. A bill to amend the CARES Act to provide that EIDL emergency grant advance payments shall not be subject to certain reductions; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. UDALL (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 4886. A bill to amend the Native American Languages Act to ensure the survival and continuing vitality of Native American languages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 4887. A bill to eliminate certain subsidies for fossil-fuel production; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 4888. 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; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 4889. A bill to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to increase the dividend exclusion, to exclude certain payments to Alaska Native elders for determining eligibility for certain programs, to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, and to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under that Act, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in land in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 4890. A bill to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to provide for consultation with

State, Tribal, and local governments, the consideration of State, Tribal, and local concerns, and the approval of post-shutdown decommissioning activities reports by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 4891. A bill to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEE:

S. 4892. A bill to amend title 54, United States Code, to provide that State law shall apply to the use of motor vehicles on roads within a System unit; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 651

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 651, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the age requirement with respect to eligibility for qualified ABLE programs.

S. 959

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 959, a bill to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women's history museum, and for other purposes.

S. 2561

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2561, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes.

S. 2898

At the request of Mr. INHOFE, the name of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2898, a bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for a full annuity supplement for certain air traffic controllers.

S. 3067

At the request of Mrs. CAPITO, the names of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD), the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 3067, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to combat the opioid crisis by promoting access to non-opioid treatments in the hospital outpatient setting.

S. 3471

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3471, a bill to ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes.

S. 3812

At the request of Mr. MENENDEZ, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. KLOBUCHAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3812, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include veterans of World War II.

S. 4216

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) were added as cosponsors of S. 4216, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct studies and report to Congress on actions taken to expand access to telehealth services under the Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance programs during the COVID-19 emergency.

S. 4233

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BURR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4233, a bill to establish a payment program for unexpected loss of markets and revenues to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

S. 4259

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 4259, a bill to codify a statutory definition for long-term care pharmacies.

S. 4451

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO) were added as cosponsors of S. 4451, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to guarantee investments that will open new markets for forest owners in rural areas of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 4526

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4526, a bill to ensure that COVID-19-related Federal programs and assistance provide for the translation of informational materials relating to awareness, screening, testing, and treatment for COVID-19 into priority languages.

S. 4614

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4614, a bill to amend title 39, United States Code, to provide that the United States Postal Service may provide certain basic financial services, and for other purposes.

S. 4665

At the request of Mrs. GILLIBRAND, the name of the Senator from Cali-

fornia (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4665, a bill to require senior officials to report payments received from the Federal Government and to improve the filing and disclosure of financial disclosures by Members of Congress, congressional staff, and very senior employees.

S. 4716

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4716, a bill to establish a cause of action for those harmed by exposure to water at Camp Lejeune, and for other purposes.

S. 4720

At the request of Mrs. FISCHER, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE) were added as cosponsors of S. 4720, a bill to amend the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 to modify certain agricultural exemptions for hours of service requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 4721

At the request of Mrs. LOEFFLER, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BRAUN), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. PERDUE) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) were added as cosponsors of S. 4721, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to increase the criminal penalties under such Act.

S. 4730

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the names of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY), the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 4730, a bill to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue quarter dollars in commemoration of the Nineteenth Amendment, and for other purposes.

S. 4777

At the request of Ms. HIRONO, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4777, a bill to restore leave lost by Federal employees during certain public health emergencies, and for other purposes.

S. 4791

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4791, a bill to provide for a Community-Based Emergency and Non-Emergency Response Grant Program.

S. 4798

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4798, a bill to use grant funds to provide identification kits to certain children, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 689

At the request of Mr. RISCH, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma

(Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 689, a resolution condemning the crackdown on peaceful protestors in Belarus and calling for the imposition of sanctions on responsible officials.

S. RES. 760

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG), the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT), the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) and the Senator from Utah (Mr. ROMNEY) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 760, a resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the atrocities perpetrated by the Government of the People's Republic of China against Uyghurs, ethnic Kazakhs, Kyrgyz, and members of other Muslim minority groups in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region constitutes genocide.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I have 4 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 2 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a closed roundtable.

AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO POSTHUMOUSLY AWARD THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO ALWYN C. CASHE FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 8276, which was received from the House.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title. The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 8276) to authorize the President to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Alwyn C. Cashe for acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 8276) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

VETERANS COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION, ACCESS TO CARE, AND TREATMENT ACT OF 2020

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 8247, which was received from the House.

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

The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 8247) to make certain improvements relating to the transition of individ-

uals to services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, suicide prevention for veterans, and care and services for women veterans, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. McCONNELL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

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

The bill (H.R. 8247) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 12; further, 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, and morning business be closed; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the Cannon nomination; further, that notwithstanding rule XXII,

Wednesday, November 11 count as the intervening day for the cloture motion filed during today's session; further, that notwithstanding rule XXII, if cloture is invoked, the Senate vote on confirmation of the Cannon nomination at 1:45 p.m. on Thursday; finally, that if confirmed, the motion 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 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020, AT 11 A.M.

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

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:23 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 11 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate November 10, 2020:

THE JUDICIARY

JAMES RAY KNEPP II, OF OHIO, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO.

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Measures Introduced: Eleven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 4882–4892. **Page S6653**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Russian Active Measures Campaigns and Interference in the 2016 U.S. Election”. (S. Rept. No. 116–290) **Page S6653**

Measures Passed:

Alwyn C. Cashe Medal of Honor: Senate passed H.R. 8276, to authorize the President to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to Alwyn C. Cashe for acts of valor during Operation Iraqi Freedom. **Pages S6654–55**

Veterans COMPACT Act: Senate passed H.R. 8247, to make certain improvements relating to the transition of individuals to services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, suicide prevention for veterans, and care and services for women veterans. **Page S6655**

Cannon Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S6639**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, November 10, 2020, a vote on cloture will occur at 12 noon on Thursday, November 12, 2020. **Page S6639**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6639**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, November 12, 2020; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, Wednesday, November 11, 2020 count as the intervening day for the cloture motion filed during today’s session; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII,

if cloture is invoked, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, November 12, 2020. **Page S6655**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 64 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. EX. 226), James Ray Knepp II, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio. **Pages S6629–30**

Executive Communications: **Pages S6651–53**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S6653–54**

Additional Statements: **Pages S6650–51**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6654**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—226) **Page S6630**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 6:23 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6655.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FINANCIAL REGULATORS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine financial regulators, after receiving testimony from Randal K. Quarles, Vice Chair for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Brian P. Brooks, Acting Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury; Jelena McWilliams, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Rodney E. Hood, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gregory Autry, of California, to be Chief Financial Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Daniel Huff, of Massachusetts,

to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Nathan A. Simington, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

CROSSFIRE HURRICANE OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane

investigation, after receiving testimony from Andrew G. McCabe, former Deputy Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of Prudential Regulators: Ensuring the Safety, Soundness, Diversity, and Accountability of Depository Institutions during the Pandemic", 12 p.m., Webex.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Thursday, November 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Aileen Mercedes Cannon, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12 noon. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, November 12

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.



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