

Dade State's Attorney's Office and then served for nearly a decade as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Nevada, ultimately becoming the chief of that office's criminal division. Judge Silva received a unanimous rating of "Well Qualified" from the ABA and has the strong support of Senators CORTEZ MASTO and ROSEN.

We also will be considering the nomination of Anne Traum, who has likewise been chosen to serve on the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada.

Professor Traum is currently a professor of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, William S. Boyd School of Law, a position she has held since 2014, and associate dean for experiential legal education. Her commitment to the university is admirable: She founded, and now leads, the appellate clinic, which allows students to brief and argue cases before the Ninth Circuit or the Nevada Supreme Court.

Additionally, she took 1-year leave of absence from the university from 2015 to 2016 to serve as special counsel with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Access to Justice. The breadth of her career does not stop there, though. She was an assistant federal public defender in the Federal public defender's office in Las Vegas from 2002 to 2008 and, prior to that, served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada from 2000 to 2002.

Professor Traum has the strong support of her home-State Senators, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO and Ms. ROSEN, and was rated "Well Qualified" by the American Bar Association.

Finally, we will be considering Judge Alison Nathan, who has been nominated to serve on the Second Circuit Court of Appeals.

Judge Nathan is an experienced litigator and an accomplished jurist. She has served on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York since 2012. While on the bench, she has authored over 1,500 opinions and has presided over 45 trials that have gone to verdict or judgment. With that long record, her reversal rate is an impressive 1 percent. I have no doubt that she will be a valuable addition to the Second Circuit. After attending Cornell University and Cornell Law School, Judge Nathan clerked for Judge Betty B. Fletcher on the Ninth Circuit and for Justice John Paul Stevens of the U.S. Supreme Court. From there, she began her legal practice, where she specialized in civil litigation and developed a large pro bono practice focused on LGBTQ rights and appeals for inmates on death row. She also held positions in government and academia.

Judge Nathan has the strong support of Senator SCHUMER and Senator GILLIBRAND, and she was unanimously rated "Well Qualified" by the American Bar Association. Her record on the bench is deeply impressive. She has proven, without a doubt, that she understands the difference between a policy advo-

cate and a judge, and I am certain that she will continue to administer justice in a thoughtful, evenhanded manner.

I support all of these outstanding nominees and encourage my colleagues to join me in voting for their confirmation.

TRIBUTE TO RAY DRAKE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I want to thank Raymond "Ray" Drake for his extraordinary service to the United Parcel Service, UPS. Earlier this year, Ray announced that after 46 years at the UPS, including 11 years as vice president of UPS State Public Affairs, he will be retiring this April.

Ray has a profound record of service to UPS, rising through the ranks and serving with a deep sense of loyalty and respect. In 1976, Ray was first hired at UPS as a package handler while attending the College of New Jersey. While balancing his studies, Ray was promoted to part-time hub supervisor. Upon graduating with a degree in political science, he moved to the metro New York district to become a package car driver.

Just 2 years after his graduation from college, Ray was promoted to a full-time management position, joining engineering and operations, where he spent 35 years of his career. Working in engineering and operations, Ray took on a number of assignments, holding positions in three UPS districts and numerous package and air divisions. In these roles, Ray utilized his strong leadership, technical, and analytical skills to develop and deploy operational practices throughout UPS. For the last 11 years, Ray brought his talents in leadership and advocacy to the UPS's State public affairs team, where he worked tirelessly with key policymakers in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

In Illinois, Ray has served far beyond his responsibilities with the UPS. Ray was deeply involved with the State chambers of commerce and is the former commerce chairman, the only UPS manager to chair a State chamber. Ray currently serves on several boards and committees, including the Illinois Chamber Foundation Board, the Chicagoland Chamber Board of Directors, the Chicagoland Chamber's Public Policy Committee, and the Board of Directors of Illinois' Civic Federation. In support of UPS's international initiatives, Ray serves on the Illinois advisory council for the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition and the advisory council for North Rhein Westphalia-Invest, and previously served as vice chairman of the Illinois International Business Council, an organization he helped found. In this role, Ray has used his decades of experience in transportation and operational leadership to educate and engage community leaders on investments in development and diplomacy and has used these relationships to help strengthen Illinois' economy.

In the true spirit of his own legacy at UPS, Ray was a leader in developing the wildly successful Chicagoland Regional Education Programs, which has allowed thousands of young Illinois residents the opportunity to go to college while working at UPS.

I want to close by congratulating Ray Drake on his distinguished career with the UPS and thank him for all he has done and all he will continue to do to serve communities in Illinois and across the world. Chicago is grateful for all of his service and sacrifice. Now, as he enters the next chapter in his life, I want to wish Ray and his family the very best in a long and happy retirement.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

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

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

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

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
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. 22-10, concerning the Missile Defense Agency's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the United Kingdom for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$700 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,

JEDIDIAH P. ROYAL,
(For James A. Hursch, Director.)

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22-10

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 Kingdom.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$400 million.
Other \$300 million.

Total \$700 million.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

One (1) Ballistic Missile Defense Radar (BMDR).

Two (2) Command and Control Battle Management and Communications.

(C2BMC) User Nodes (with network capability required to connect to the C2BMC System to support radar operations).

Non-MOE: Also included are design and construction of a combined radar-equipment shelter; encryption devices, secure communication equipment, and other required COMSEC equipment to support radar operations; spare and repair parts, support and testing 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: Missile Defense Agency (UK-1-ZAB).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: UK-1-ZAA.

(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: March 17, 2022.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

United Kingdom—Ballistic Missile Defense Radar (BMDR) and Command and Control Battle Management and Communications (C2BMC)

The Government of the United Kingdom (UK) has requested to buy one (1) Ballistic Missile Defense Radar (BMDR); and two (2) Command and Control Battle Management and Communications (C2BMC) user nodes (with network capability required to connect to the C2BMC System to support radar operations). Also included are design and construction of a combined radar-equipment shelter; encryption devices, secure communication equipment, and other required COMSEC equipment to support radar operations; spare and repair parts, support and testing 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 \$700 million.

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

The proposed sale will improve UK's ability to meet current and future ballistic missile threats to the UK and NATO by improving the effectiveness of NATO BMD systems. The United Kingdom will have no difficulty absorbing the BMD Radar 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, Moorestown, NJ. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale may require the assignment of approximately 15 U.S. Government and up to 100 contractor representatives to the UK, at any given time, during the construction, installation, integration and testing of the BMDR and C2BMC capability.

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 United Kingdom (UK) Ballistic Missile Defense Radar (BMDR) is a scaled version of the U.S. Long Range Discrimination Radar. It will provide continuous and precise tracking and discrimination of missile threats, persistent long-range midcourse discrimination, precision tracking and hit assessment. Discrimination is a critical capability of missile defense, which will provide data to distinguish lethal objects from debris and decoys around the lethal object. The UK will use the Command and Control, Battle Management, and Communications (C2BMC) system to integrate the UK BMDR. This will improve the effectiveness of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) missile defenses.

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

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the 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.

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

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

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, on March 14, 2022, I was unable to cast a vote on rollcall vote No. 79, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 726, the nomination of Shalanda D. Young of Louisiana, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I was on a bipartisan congressional delegation visit to Poland, meeting with refugees displaced by the violence caused by the current, illegal invasion of Ukraine.

Had I been present, I would have voted yes to proceed with her nomination as Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

TRIBUTE TO DAN CNOSSEN

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a truly incredible and historic individual.

Dan Cnossen is a textbook definition of honor and bravery. His story began when he was accepted into the U.S. Naval Academy after high school. In 2003, he completed the grueling process. Over the course of the next 6 years, Dan was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan where he rose in rank to becoming the officer in charge of an 18-man SEAL platoon. In 2009, late on a night mission in the mountains, Dan stepped

on an improvised explosive device and lost both of his legs. Later, he was awarded a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star with Valor. Over the next 2 years, Dan fought for his life. He endured 40 different surgeries, while simultaneously reintroducing himself into civilian life—neither an easy task on their own, but coupled together creates one extraordinary obstacle.

While Dan was in rehab, though, he was introduced to the sport of cross-country skiing and biathlon. Dan pushed himself and was dedicated to earning a spot in the 2014 U.S. Paralympic Team, leading to an incredible—and ongoing—career. In 2018, Dan outstandingly won a gold medal, four silvers, and one bronze. In addition to his 2018 medals, he also earned the honor of Best Male Athlete of the Games. Most recently, at the 2022 Winter Paralympic Games, Dan made his country proud once again by winning gold in Cross Country Skiing Mixed Relay.

I think his motto “keep going, keep covering ground” beautifully sums up his journey so far and should serve as an inspiration for those who get to hear his story. His Paralympic career has been remarkable to see, and it is with great pride that I get to share Kansas as a home to such an outstanding individual and athlete. I ask my colleagues now to join me in recognizing Dan and his unbelievable story.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING SEASONAL SHOPPE

• Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize the small business, Seasonal Shoppe of Salyersville, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Bekah Frazier Rudd, owner of Seasonal Shoppe, will tell you herself that retail runs in her blood. Bekah inherited her knack for running a business from her mother and father, who owned Frazier's Prater Drug Store, the longest continuously operating business in Salyersville. Bekah's mother, Patricia Frazier, started off with a little corner in her husband's store selling arts and crafts items. Throughout the years in the drug store, the popularity of Patricia's corner eventually led her to start a business of her own, just a few doors down from her husband's pharmacy. Thus, Seasonal Shoppe was born and has been operating since 1997. Eight years later, when Patricia left to take over Frazier's Prater Drug Store, Bekah stepped in to fill her mother's shoes as owner and operator of Seasonal Shoppe.

Though Seasonal Shoppe has since shifted towards selling more clothes and general home goods than arts and