

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

(i) Purchaser: Government of Japan.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 15-62; Date: November 19, 2015; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On November 19, 2015, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 15-62 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of three (3) RQ-4 Block 30 (I) Global Hawk Remotely Piloted Aircraft with Enhanced Integrated Sensor Suite (EISS); eight (8) Kearfott Inertial Navigation System/Global Positioning System (INS/GPS) units (2 per aircraft with 2 spares); and eight (8) LN-251 INS/GPS units (2 per aircraft with 2 spares). Also included were operational-level sensor and aircraft test equipment, ground support equipment, operational flight test support, communications equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The total estimated case value was \$1.2 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$689 million of this total.

On April 4, 2016, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 0J-16 of the inclusion of two Ground Control Elements (GCE). The GCEs were not enumerated as MDE in the original notification of the Global Hawk RPA system. The total cost of the new MDE articles was \$31 million, increasing the total estimated MDE value to \$720 million. The total estimated case value remained \$1.2 billion.

This transmittal reports the addition of the following MDE items: five (5) Kearfott INS/GPS; and two (2) LN-251 INS/GPS. The following non-MDE items will also be included: hardware and software integration support. The total estimated MDE value will remain \$720 million. The total estimated case value will remain \$1.2 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided as the additional MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The proposed articles will provide Japan with sufficient spares and robust maintenance and logistics necessary to support its RQ-4 Global Hawk fleet and high-altitude intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance mission optimally.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a major ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Asia-Pacific region. It is vital to U.S. national interest to assist Japan in developing and maintaining a strong and effective self-defense capability.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

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

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: April 4, 2022.

NOMINATION OF ERIK KRISTOPHER RAVEN

Mr. TESTER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the following statement be printed in the RECORD.

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

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS FOR ERIK RAVEN (AS DELIVERED)

U.S. SENATOR JON TESTER—SENATE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
(March 22, 2022)

It is truly an honor to be introducing Erik Raven today at his nomination hearing to be Undersecretary for the Navy.

It is an honor because there is no one more qualified or capable than Erik is to serve the women and men of our Navy.

I know firsthand, because Erik is the Democratic Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Defense of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, and for the last year, I have worked very, very closely with him in my role as Chairman on that Committee. In that time, we've spoken every day—something I know Erik has enjoyed very much.

Erik is a true professional. He is dedicated, he is whip-smart, and he knows the defense budget better than anybody.

But that's only part of what makes Erik qualified and deserving of being confirmed for this position at the Department of Defense.

What makes Erik exceptional is that he deeply understands the challenges and the threats we face, and he has dedicated his life to our military, our national security, and to our country.

For the last 24 years, Erik has served as a staff member for some of the Giants of the Senate: Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Sen. Ted Kennedy, and Sen. Robert Byrd—you may have heard of them.

Erik served as Senator Byrd's Military and Foreign Affairs Advisor from 2000 to 2007, and as his Legislative Director from 2006-2007. He also served as a speechwriter for Senator Byrd on national security matters.

Some of you may not know this, but my office in Hart is Senator Byrd's old office. And welcoming Erik back into that office after I became SAC-D Chairman is a fitting symmetry to the end of his Hill career before he sails off to the Pentagon.

But I'm not the only SAC-D Chairman who has benefitted from Erik's wisdom and leadership.

For the past 15 years—7 as a Professional Staff Member and 8 as Staff Director—Erik has served Senators, the Senate, and our nation.

As the Staff Director, he is the principal advisor to the Committee on budgetary matters relating to the Department of Defense and the national intelligence community.

And during his time on the Committee, Erik has been responsible for the oversight of national intelligence programs, national security space programs, Special Operations procurement, Army aviation, and Navy research and development matters, as well as staff lead on wartime intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance initiatives.

Erik is as credentialed as he is experienced: he has completed a master's thesis on the origins of China's nuclear weapons program at the London School of Economics and Political Science as well as an undergraduate honors thesis on the international narcotics trade at Connecticut College.

This dude is a smart guy.

And he has good people in his corner: I want to recognize his wife, Ann, who is here today—and thank you, Ann, for sharing Erik with the Senate, and soon, I hope, with the Department of Defense. The gratitude our country owes Erik for his service, we also owe to you.

The bottom line is this: Erik Raven will serve as Undersecretary for the Navy honorably and well. He is exceptionally qualified and deserving of this Committee's favorable endorsement, and I'm sure that the distin-

guished members of this Committee will agree after getting a chance to question him.

Erik, I just want to congratulate you on your nomination, and get in there and give 'em hell, okay?

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR HOME CARE AND HOSPICE

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, I rise today to celebrate the 40th anniversary of one of the leading voices in healthcare, the National Association for Home Care and Hospice. Established on April 2, 1982, from three separate organizations, for four decades, it has been a voice for the essential and dedicated organizations that provide healthcare services to over 12 million patients annually in their own homes.

NAHC has provided valuable and trusted information that has helped guide Congress, the administration, Federal agencies, and many other health policy planners as we support the ability of patients to receive high quality healthcare at home.

From the beginning, NAHC has recognized that complex health policy issues require a unified voice. NAHC has brought together providers representing a wide range of home services including home health, hospice care, home and community-based services, home infusion therapy, private duty nursing for pediatric and adult patients, personal care services, home-based palliative care, and more. These providers are big and small, free-standing and part of larger institutions, nonprofit and commercial, rural and urban.

Healthcare continues to shift to care provided in the home—and with good reason. Providing expanded, holistic care in one's own home when clinically appropriate can improve the lives of patients while increasing quality and efficiency.

I pay tribute today to NAHC's decades of work to expand access to healthcare at home, and I look forward to partnering with NAHC members and staff for many more years to come.

FAITH MONTH

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Madam President, Americans across the country, led by Concerned Women for America, the Nation's largest public policy organization for women, and other faith-based organizations are celebrating April as Faith Month. I commend this noble effort calling all people of faith to join in prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration of their faith.

The United States of America was born of the unanimous declaration that we are "endowed by [our] Creator with certain unalienable Rights," based on "the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God," "appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world," and acknowledging our "reliance on the protection of divine Providence." We are a people

of faith, which is why religious freedom is known as America's first freedom, as laid out in the Establishment and the Free Exercise clauses of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The freedom of speech is guaranteed by the First Amendment and also supports America's unique focus on freedom of expression, including in matters of faith.

America's Judeo-Christian founding promotes religious diversity and tolerance. Our motto, "In God We Trust," further emphasizes the importance of faith in our Nation's founding. From our first President to the last, we have always acknowledged America's faith. President George Washington recognized "it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor." More recently, President Joe Biden acknowledged Thanksgiving as a "time to reflect on our many blessings—from God, this Nation, and each other."

Religious liberty serves to strengthen our country's appreciation of all peoples, regardless of faith. But eternal diligence is needed to preserve religious freedom. Attacks on religious liberty and people of faith continue to plague our Nation with some religious charities even being forced to betray the tenets of their faith in order to participate in certain government programs. We must actively reject all efforts to criminalize or cancel religious beliefs as somehow incompatible with our democracy.

Religious organizations in America have a rich history of charitable engagement by helping the sick, poor, and afflicted. They should be celebrated, not maligned for their contributions to improving our way of life. According to the Pew Research Center, more than 75 percent of Americans practice some type of religious faith. This rich, diverse religious heritage is to our credit and should be encouraged.

Therefore, I join millions of Americans during this Faith Month in celebrating their personal faiths freely and openly, with public displays and celebrations, including prayer and expressions of thanksgiving. In this manner, we can strongly reaffirm our commitment to the religious liberty principles of our founding.

TRIBUTE TO JACK LESLIE

Mr. COONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following letter honoring Jack Leslie, be printed in the RECORD.

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

TRIBUTE TO JACK LESLIE

DEAR JACK, Congratulations on your retirement. It's hard to think of you as retired. In the decades since you got your career start in the United States Senate, working for Ted Kennedy, you have made a lasting difference throughout the world: in leading

Sawyer Miller; in your very long and incredibly successful run heading Weber Shandwick; in communications in the United States and around the world; and in your countless contributions to international organizations, to boards, and to leadership and development.

I thank Caroline, Web, and Finn, for sharing you with so many of us over so many years. I know you're excited to have more time to spend with the family, but I know you will continue your service to our nation as well.

Jack, you've been a leader on more boards than I can name, among them, Water.org, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, the UNHCR American Advisory Committee, and of course, most importantly, in my view, the United States African Development Foundation. You've been appointed and reappointed by Senates with both Republican and Democrat majorities; by presidents, both Democrat and Republican. You've made an indelible mark here and around the world.

Thank you for your friendship, your advice, and your encouragement in my dozen years here in the Senate. And thank you for the incredible difference you've made with your heart, with your service, and with your charm, wit, and insights.

Sincerely,

CHRIS COONS.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LEO KHAYET

• Mr. MARSHALL. Madam President, I rise today to honor and recognize Leo Khayet of Overland Park, KS. Leo has raised more than \$200,000 in an effort to help Ukrainian people in Odessa evacuate the country as Russia continues its attacks.

These invasions hit close to home for Leo. When Leo was younger, his family had to make the hard decision to relocate from Belarus for a better life. He lived in refugee camps in Austria and Italy for five months prior to arriving in Kansas City in 1989. Leo is now an entrepreneur in Overland Park, which gave him connections to multiple different businesses in the Kansas City area. When Russia invaded in late February, Leo gathered his resources from these leaders and organizations making his efforts to help possible.

Thus far, Leo has been successful in helping 2,000 Ukrainians flee to safety in Moldova. In an effort to continue helping victims of the war in Ukraine, Leo is planning on hosting another Zoom call and inviting more prominent business leaders in the area to gather and keep providing this humanitarian aid. It is truly honorable what he is doing to help the people of Ukraine. Leo said it best: "In this case, this has really brought out the best of the community here in Kansas. They're ready to save people who they have no clue who they are, that live thousands of miles away, they don't even share a common language with them, besides the fact that we're human beings and I think that is amazing." It truly is amazing to see what one man's ambition and determination can do to bring a community together and help those

in need. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the noble act of Leo Khayet and thank him for his dedication to help Ukraine.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3617. An act to decriminalize and deschedule cannabis, to provide for reinvestment in certain persons adversely impacted by the War on Drugs, to provide for expungement of certain cannabis offenses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6833. An act to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish requirements with respect to cost-sharing for certain insulin products, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4521) to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, and asks for a conference with the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 5:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 3294. An act to obtain and direct the placement in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds of a statue to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sandra Day O'Connor and a statue to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3617. An act to decriminalize and deschedule cannabis, to provide for reinvestment in certain persons adversely impacted