

The principal contractor will be Raytheon Missiles and Defense, Tucson, AZ. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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

TRANSMITTAL NO. 22-25

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer and Acceptance Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The AIM-9X Block II and Block II+ (Plus) Missile (including the Guidance Unit) 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 portion of the AIM-9X 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.

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

3. In a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that the Netherlands 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 Netherlands.

NOTICE OF A TIE VOTE UNDER S. RES. 27

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to print the attached letter in the RECORD.

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

U.S. SENATE, COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION,

Washington, DC, May 26, 2022.

To the Secretary of the Senate:

S. 4145, the Consumer Protection Remedies Act of 2022, having been referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with a quorum present, has voted on the bill as follows:

On the question of favorably reporting S. 4145, as amended, 14 ayes to 14 noes.

In accordance with section 3, paragraph (1)(A) of S. Res. 27 of the 117th Congress, I hereby give notice that the Commerce on Commerce, Science, and Transportation has not reported the bill because of a tie vote, and ask that this notice be printed in the Record pursuant to the resolution.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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S. 4217, the Transportation Fuel Market Transparency Act, having been referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with a quorum present, has voted on the bill as follows:

On the question of favorably reporting S. 4217, as amended, 14 ayes to 14 noes.

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UKRAINE

Mr. KING. Mr. President, today, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the Joint Resolution Expressing Support For The People Of Ukraine which was passed overwhelmingly by the Maine State Legislature. Together, we recognize the importance of democratic institutions and values around the world, and we are resolute in fighting against the forces of authoritarianism. This joint resolution reiterates Maine people's support for peace, diplomacy, and the immediate end to the invasion.

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

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Whereas, Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe; and

Whereas, on January 21, 1990, more than 300,000 Ukrainians called for unity and independence from the Soviet Union by forming a human chain between the cities of Kyiv and Ivano-Frankivsk; and

Whereas, after years of oppression, in 1991 Ukraine won freedom from the Soviet Union's totalitarian dictatorship because of the Ukrainians' love of liberty; and

Whereas, Ukraine is a sovereign nation, and the United States and Ukraine have been partners since Ukraine declared its independence from the Soviet Union more than 30 years ago; and

Whereas, the people of Maine and the people of Ukraine share a commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law; and

Whereas, Ukrainians and Ukrainian Americans have enriched our communities through their leadership and contributions in agriculture, business, academia, government and the arts; and

Whereas, on December 5, 1994, in an effort to solidify security commitments to Ukraine in return for its nuclear disarmament, the United States, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom signed the Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances, whereby each country pledged to respect the independence and sovereignty of Ukraine's borders while refraining from the threat or use of force against Ukraine; and

Whereas, over the past 3 decades, the Russian Federation has illegally seized Ukrainian land in Crimea; armed Russian-backed separatists, leading to thousands of deaths; interfered in elections; used chemical weapons to attempt assassinations; carried out cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns abroad; and violated international arms control agreements; and

Whereas, on February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin abandoned diplomacy and international pleas for peace and launched an unprovoked military invasion of Ukraine; and

Whereas, this attack on Ukraine has already killed thousands of Ukrainian service members and civilians and caused an urgent international humanitarian crisis; and

Whereas, President Putin has denied the existence of Ukraine and seeks to overthrow the democratically elected government of Ukraine; and

Whereas, the Russian Federation has flagrantly violated international law in attempting to unilaterally create 2 new so-called republics on sovereign Ukrainian territory; and

Whereas, lasting peace and prosperity require respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries and respect for human rights; and

Whereas, the people of Ukraine are now engaged in an armed conflict to defend their independence and democratic way of life; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the democratic values shared by the people of Maine and the people of Ukraine; and be it further

Resolved: That the State of Maine stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine as they fight for their freedom; and be it further

Resolved: That the State of Maine condemns the unprovoked Russian invasion of Ukraine and reiterates its support for peace, diplomacy and an immediate end to the invasion; and be it further

Resolved: That the State of Maine recognizes the importance of and commends the steps the United States has taken so far to punish the Russian government for its actions and to offer humanitarian relief to the Ukrainian people; and be it further

Resolved: That the State of Maine encourages our citizens to support Ukrainian Americans and the people of Ukraine in their urgent time of need; and be it further

Resolved: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr., President of the United States, and each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, on May 17, 2022, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 179, 180, and 181 while traveling to my

daughter's graduation from law school. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 179, cloture on the nomination of Jennifer Rochon to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York; yea on rollcall vote No. 180, cloture on the nomination of Trina Thompson to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California; and yea on rollcall vote No. 181, cloture on the nomination of Sunshine Sykes to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California.

On May 18, 2022, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, and 189 while attending my daughter's graduation from law school. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 182, confirmation of Jennifer Rochon to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York; yea on rollcall vote No. 183, cloture on the nomination of Barbara Leaf to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs; yea on rollcall vote No. 184, confirming Barbara Leaf to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs; yea on rollcall vote No. 185, cloture on the nomination of Elizabeth Watson to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor; yea on rollcall vote No. 186, confirming Elizabeth Watson to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor; yea on rollcall vote No. 187, confirming Trina Thompson to be U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of California; yea on rollcall vote No. 188, confirming Sunshine Sykes to be U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California; and yea on rollcall vote No. 189, confirming Christopher Lowman to be Assistant Secretary of Defense.

On May 19, 2022, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 190, 191, 192, and 193 while attending my daughter's graduation from law school. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall votes Nos. 190 and 191, cloture and final passage, respectively, of H.R. 7691, the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2022. Since the beginning of Russia's brutal war, I have been a strong supporter of additional aid to Ukraine, and I am glad that this legislation passed the Senate with broad, bipartisan support.

Had I been present on May 19, I also would have voted yea on rollcall vote No. 192, cloture on the motion to proceed to S. 4008, the Small Business COVID Relief Act of 2022. This important bipartisan legislation would have provided over \$40 billion in COVID relief to support restaurants, live entertainment venues, and other struggling small businesses. I have been a long-time supporter of replenishing the Restaurant Revitalization Fund and providing more aid to small businesses, so I was extremely disappointed that the Senate fell many votes short of beginning debate on S. 4008. I will continue to be a champion for Nevada's restaurants and small businesses, working to make sure they get the resources needed to get back on their feet.

Finally, had I been present on May 19, I would have voted yea on rollcall

vote No. 193, cloture on the nomination of Stephanie Davis to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

TRIBUTE TO ADMIRAL CHASE DAVID PATRICK

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, today, I honor a superb leader, liaison and warrior. After 2 years of service as Director of the Navy Senate Liaison Office, Chase Patrick is deservedly moving on and assuming the responsibilities of a rear admiral, lower half. I believe it is fitting to recognize Admiral Patrick's distinguished service and dedication to fostering the relationship between the U.S. Navy and the Senate.

While I was just starting my time in the Senate in 1994, Admiral Patrick was graduating from the University of Virginia that same year. He showed his value quickly upon joining the Navy and has been consistently relied upon for his exceptional leadership and unparalleled work ethic. A surface warfare officer by designation, Admiral Patrick has led our Nation's young men and women on shore and at sea, most prominently in command of USS *Chafee* (DDG-90), where the Navy selected him to receive the Vice Admiral Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership and Commander Destroyer Squadron 50 and Task Force 55.

Admiral Patrick has excelled in numerous other leadership positions in the Navy, most recently as the director of the Navy Senate Liaison. In Washington, DC, and around the globe, Admiral Patrick filled the role that was initially created and held by the late Senator John McCain after his return from Vietnam as a Navy Captain. Decades later, Admiral Patrick had the job of leading the Navy Senate Liaison Office through the COVID-19 pandemic, relentlessly coordinating congressional delegations for our Members and our staffs during the most troubling of times and ensuring continuity between this Chamber and the U.S. Navy.

Over the course of the last few years, Admiral Patrick led six congressional delegations to 10 different countries. He escorted over half of the Members of this Chamber on travel and became a trusted adviser and friend to many of us. I have had the pleasure of traveling with Admiral Patrick on several trips, including his first trip as director of the Navy Senate Liaison Office. He distinguished himself by going above and beyond the call of duty to facilitate and successfully execute each and every congressional delegation, despite any number of weather, aircraft, and diplomatic challenges.

This month, Admiral Patrick departs Washington for Naples, Italy, to serve as the director of Maritime Headquarters, U.S. Naval Forces Europe, Africa and Sixth Fleet. This Chamber will feel Admiral Patrick's absence. I join many past and present Members of Congress in my gratitude and appreciation to Admiral Patrick for his out-

standing leadership and unwavering support of the missions of the U.S. Navy. I especially recognize his patient and supportive family, his wife Mrs. Paurenia Patrick and his children, Sara, Chase, Jr., Harry, and Oliver. I wish this Navy family "fair winds and following seas."

TRIBUTE TO LEE J. LOFTHUS

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, I rise today to express my appreciation for a dedicated public servant, Mr. LEE J. Lofthus of Maryland, who is retiring after nearly 40 years of public service at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Lee received his MBA from American University in 1982 and joined the Department shortly thereafter. Since then, he has served in a number of positions, including the last 16 years as its Assistant Attorney General for Administration, the highest ranking career position at the Department of Justice. In this role, he has been responsible for many duties, including serving as the Department's chief financial officer, leading its financial reporting, annual financial statement, budget formulation and execution, accounting operations, asset forfeiture fund support and debt management support. As Assistant Attorney General, he has also been the Department's chief ethics official while also overseeing its facilities, procurement, human resources, and planning. Lee also served as the Department of Justice career Agency Transition Director for every Presidential transition since 2008. His leadership has been essential to the Department's operations.

I know Lee from his role as the top Department of Justice liaison with the House and Senate Appropriations Committees. In my time as both chairman and ranking member of the Senate Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, I have seen firsthand Lee's deft understanding and management of the congressional appropriations process. He has been an asset to both the Department and the Appropriations Committees and will be missed by all of those who have worked with and for him.

Lee has many interests outside of his work, and he will now have the opportunity to focus more time on those interests, foremost among those his wife Dawn and his sons Mike and Austin. I also expect Lee will dedicate more time to caring for animals, including his affinity for dachshunds and his occasional adoption of a wayward bird. Lee may even find some time to indulge his devotion to Bob Dylan.

The one activity to which I am certain Lee will be devoting his time is enhancing his status as one of the Nation's leading numismatists. Lee's role as the Department of Justice's CFO makes even more sense once you learn that he has long been a nationally recognized, published, and award-winning expert on U.S. paper currency. Lee's particular emphasis is on National