

and technical support services; studies and surveys; and other related elements of aircraft maintenance and program support. The estimated total cost is \$450 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a partner nation that is a force for political stability in the region by allowing Pakistan to retain interoperability with U.S. and coalition forces in ongoing counterterrorism efforts and in preparation for future contingency operations.

The proposed sale will improve Pakistan's capability to meet current and future threats by continuing the sustainment of its F-16 fleet, which is the Pakistan Air Force's premier multi-role jet fighter and greatly improves Pakistan's ability to project combat power in support of counterterrorism through its robust air-to-ground capability. Pakistan will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services 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 Corporation, Fort Worth, TX. There are no known offsets proposed in conjunction with this sale.

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

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

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 858, Jennifer H. Rearden, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, while returning to Washington, DC, on September 12, my flight was temporarily grounded by inclement weather, delaying my return to Washington, DC. As a result, I was unable to attend the vote on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 986, Salvador Mendoza, Jr., of Washington, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

I would have voted yea on the confirmation had I been able to attend the vote.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent, but had I been present I would have voted YES on rollcall vote No. 331 on the confirmation of Salvador Mendoza, Jr., to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 1134, Natalie K.

Wight, of Oregon, to be United States Attorney for the District of Oregon for the term of four years.

REMEMBERING QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. President, the attacks of September 11, 2001, exposed the American people to a level of vulnerability we had not encountered since the Second World War. While the terrorists failed in their objective of breaking us, they were successful in forcing the rest of the world to decide if they would give in to fear and remain silent or take a stand against the violent hatred that motivated the murders of almost 3,000 innocents.

For me, the memory of 9/11 is and always will be dominated by fear for the safety of my own children. The hours that passed without hearing from them were among the loneliest of my life, and indeed, that loneliness was shared by every American who spent the next few terrible days waiting for the phone to ring. Our sense of isolation was compounded by a growing chorus of voices that blamed Americans for the bloodshed in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

When Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II broke with centuries of tradition and directed the band of the Coldstream Guards to play the "Star-Spangled Banner" outside Buckingham Palace just 2 days after the attacks, she did much more than make a political statement. Her small act of rebellion confirmed that the special kinship between our nations will unite us forever under a common cause of freedom. While some chose cowardice in the wake of the attacks, she recognized the anguish of a friend and offered a gesture meant only to assure us that we were not, and never would be, alone.

For more than 70 years, the Queen ruled with the same grace and dignity she afforded the American people in our darkest hour. On behalf of all Tennesseans, I offer my gratitude for her long life of service, my condolences to the royal family, and my assurances to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth that, should great need arise, there will be no need to ask for our help, for we are already standing beside you.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO FRED SMITH

• Mr. HAGERTY. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Fred Smith, founder and executive chairman of FedEx for receiving the distinguished L. Welch Pogue Award for his outstanding lifelong contributions to the field of commercial aviation.

On September 14, Mr. Smith, a proud Memphian and generous benefactor to his city, will receive due commemoration for his renowned achievements and contributions involving his organization, career, and passion.

Since 1971, the iconic Tennessee company he founded has facilitated deliveries not just in the United States but across the world.

This includes FedEx's work on the Project Airbridge Operation, a partnership executed by FedEx under the direction of the Federal Government that expedited the importation of critical supplies at the height of the pandemic.

This award, first presented in 1994, recognizes individuals with a lifetime of achievement in aviation and recognizes individuals who not only have a vision for where the industry is headed, but have acted to make it a reality.

I can think of no one more deserving to receive such an award. Let us celebrate this achievement and commitment to excellence that Mr. Smith has shown throughout his career.●

REMEMBERING LARRY PETREE

• Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the life of Larry Petree, a beloved member of the Bakersfield community and a pioneer in the creation of a uniquely Californian brand of country music.

Larry Petree was born in Oklahoma in 1933 at the heart of the Great Depression. Like so many Americans from Dust Bowl communities in the 1930s, at the age of 9, Larry's family moved out West and settled in Bakersfield, CA. He attended Bakersfield High School before going on to serve a tour of duty in the U.S. Army and then working for over three decades as a mechanic with the Kern County Fire Department, where he could overhaul truck engines with ease.

But Larry's friends and fans knew him best working with a different instrument. From his seat behind his pedal steel guitar, he helped to produce the "Bakersfield Sound," an entirely new, rock 'n roll-inspired genre of country music that introduced the sounds of California country to a national audience in the 1960s.

For decades, Larry's masterful control of the twangy steel guitar brought life and energy to the honky-tonks and watering holes of the Central Valley. Playing alongside country artists Red Simpson, Tommy Hays, and the Western Swingsters, his music joined the likes of Merle Haggard and Buck Owens to help fuel a movement that proved California could be home to the country music industry. And he did it all, in large part, thanks to the support of his wife Betty, his beloved partner for over 60 years.

California is grateful for his service to our country, his contributions to our culture, and for the timeless music he introduced to our communities.●

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 4822. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes.

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-4861. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-487, "Medically Necessary Foods Coverage Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4862. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-488, "Procurement Agencies Alignment Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4863. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-489, "HIV/AIDS Data Privacy Protection and Health Occupation Revision Clarification Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4864. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-490, "Sexual Harassment Data Collection and Reporting Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4865. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-491, "Human Rights Enhancement Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4866. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-524, "Clean Hands Certification Equity Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4867. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-525, "Rebecca Coder Park Designation Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4868. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-526, "Non-Compete Clarification Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4869. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-527, "Climate Commitment Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4870. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-528, "Clean Energy DC Building Code Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4871. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Colum-

bia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-524, "Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts Amendment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4872. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 24-530, "Juneteenth History and Planning Commission Establishment Act of 2022"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4873. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an alternative plan for pay adjustments for civilian Federal employees covered by the General Schedule and certain other pay systems in January 2023; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4874. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Public Assistance Program's Simplified Procedures Large Project Threshold" (RIN1660-AB10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2022; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4875. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Administration's fiscal year 2022 Commercial Activities Inventory and Inherently Governmental Activities Inventory and the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the report; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4876. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on the Physicians' Comparability Allowance Program"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4877. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting a legislative proposal relative to amending Title V to appoint and pay highly qualified experts; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4878. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Program Fraud Civil Remedies: Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment" (RIN3206-AN39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2022; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4879. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of cyclopentyl fentanyl, isobutyryl fentanyl, para-methoxybutyryl fentanyl, and valeryl fentanyl in Schedule I; Correction" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-565)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4880. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of Placement of 10 Specific Fentanyl-Related Substances in Schedule I" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-476)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on Au-

gust 2, 2022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4881. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of para-Methoxymethamphetamine (PMMA) in Schedule I" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-509)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4882. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Designation of 3,4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidate (PMK glycidate), 3,4-MDP-2-P methyl glycidic acid (PMK glycidic acid), and alpha-phenylacetoacetamide (APAA) as List I Chemicals" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-542)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4883. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Specific Listing for 4F-MDMB-VINACA, a Currently Controlled Schedule I Substance" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-819)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4884. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registration Requirements for Narcotic Treatment Programs With Mobile Components" ((RIN1117-AB43) (Docket No. DEA-459)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4885. A communication from the Section Chief of the Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Placement of N-Ethylpentylone in Schedule I" ((21 CFR Part 1308) (Docket No. DEA-482)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 2, 2022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4886. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a legislative proposal entitled "Authority to Permit Continued Presence in the United States"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4887. A communication from the Chief Financial Officer of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to an audit of the Garden for the period from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4888. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Justice Management Division, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Streamlining DOJ Acquisition Regulations (JAR)" (RIN1105-AB54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 19, 2022; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4889. A communication from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Victims Compensation Fund established