

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

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that we start the vote now.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The assistant 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 Executive Calendar No. 354, Jeffrey M. Bryan, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Alex Padilla, Richard Blumenthal, Cory A. Booker, Benjamin L. Cardin, Chris Van Hollen, Tammy Duckworth, Brian Schatz, Tammy Baldwin, Margaret Wood Hassan, Tina Smith, Mazie Hirono, Christopher Murphy, Peter Welch, Christopher A. Coons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Jeffrey M. Bryan, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN), the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. WARNOCK), and the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. BARRASSO), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH), and the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) would have voted "nay."

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 47, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 314 Ex.]

YEAS—47

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| Baldwin | Collins | Kelly |
| Bennet | Coons | King |
| Blumenthal | Cortez Masto | Klobuchar |
| Booker | Duckworth | Lujan |
| Brown | Durbin | Manchin |
| Butler | Gillibrand | Menendez |
| Cantwell | Heinrich | Merkley |
| Cardin | Hickenlooper | Murkowski |
| Carper | Hirono | Murphy |
| Casey | Kaine | Murray |

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| Padilla | Schumer | Van Hollen |
| Peters | Shaheen | Warner |
| Reed | Sinema | Welch |
| Rosen | Smith | Whitehouse |
| Sanders | Stabenow | Wyden |
| Schatz | Tester | |

NAYS—42

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| Blackburn | Fischer | Paul |
| Boozman | Grassley | Ricketts |
| Braun | Hagerty | Romney |
| Britt | Hawley | Rounds |
| Budd | Hoeven | Schmitt |
| Capito | Hyde-Smith | Scott (FL) |
| Cassidy | Johnson | Scott (SC) |
| Cornyn | Kennedy | Sullivan |
| Cotton | Lankford | Thune |
| Cramer | Lee | Tillis |
| Crapo | Lummis | Tuberville |
| Cruz | McConnell | Vance |
| Daines | Moran | Wicker |
| Ernst | Mullin | Young |

NOT VOTING—11

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| Barrasso | Markey | Rubio |
| Fetterman | Marshall | Warnock |
| Graham | Osoff | Warren |
| Hassan | Risch | |

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HEINRICH). On this vote the yeas are 47, the nays are 42.

The motion is agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. SMITH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session and 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.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CARDIN. 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, Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,
*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. 23-69, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Japan for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$2.35 billion. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-69

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 Japan.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment * \$1.26 billion.
Other \$1.09 billion.
Total \$2.35 billion.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Two hundred (200) Tomahawk Block IV All Up Rounds (AURs) (RGM-109E).

Two hundred (200) Tomahawk Block V AURs (RGM-109E).

Fourteen (14) Tactical Tomahawk Weapon Control Systems (TTWCS).

Non-MDE:

Also included is support for the Tomahawk Weapon System (TWS) (the All Up Round, the Tactical Tomahawk Weapon Control Systems (TTWCS) and the Mission Distribution Software Suite Centers (MDSSC)), as well as containers; feasibility studies; software; hardware; training; unscheduled missile maintenance; spares; in-service support; communication equipment; operational flight test; publications; engineering and technical expertise to maintain the TWS capability; non-recurring engineering; transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (JA-P-NFP, JA-P-NGO).

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

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

(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 17, 2023.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Japan—Tomahawk Weapon System

The Government of Japan has requested to buy two hundred (200) Tomahawk Block IV All Up Rounds (AURs) (RGM-109E); two hundred (200) Tomahawk Block V AURs (RGM-109E); and fourteen (14) Tactical Tomahawk Weapon Control Systems (TTWCS). Also included is support for the Tomahawk Weapon System (TWS) (the All Up Round, the Tactical Tomahawk Weapon Control Systems (TTWCS) and the Mission Distribution Software Suite Centers (MDSSC)), as well as containers; feasibility studies; software; hardware; training; unscheduled missile maintenance; spares; in-service support; communication equipment; operational flight test; publications; engineering and technical expertise to maintain the TWS capability; non-recurring engineering; transportation; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$2.35 billion.

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 Indo-Pacific region.

The proposed sale will improve Japan's capability to meet current and future threats by providing a long range, conventional surface-to-surface missile with significant standoff range that can neutralize growing threats. Japan will have no difficulty absorbing these articles 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 Raytheon, Tucson, AZ. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

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

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 Tomahawk Block IV/V All Up Round (AUR) consists of the RGM-109E Tomahawk cruise missile assembled in a canister for surface launch. Tomahawk Block IV/V capabilities include: increased system flexibility; improved system response times; improved lethality against an increased target set; improved accuracy; improved Anti-Jam GPS Receiver (AGR) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) and or M-Code capability; enhanced availability due to a 15-year maintenance interval; and two-way communications between missile and Strike/Missile Controllers via Satellite Communications (SATCOM).

2. The Tactical Tomahawk Weapon Control System (ITWCS) consists of command and control, targeting, mission planning and distribution of the Tomahawk cruise missile.

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 Japan 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 have been authorized for release and export to Japan.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. ROBERT COSTRELL

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Robert Costrell, professor of education reform and economics and endowed chair in education accountability at the University of Arkansas, who is retiring in December.

Dr. Costrell dedicated his career to improving education as a scholar and public policy adviser. He served in major policy roles to three Massachusetts Governors. In addition, his leadership has been valuable at the national level where he served in several roles to improve education. In 2001, he was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige to serve on the Advisory Council on Education Statistics, and in 2008, he was appointed by Secretary Margaret Spellings to serve on the National Technical Advisory Council. For his contributions to education finance and public pensions, Dr. Costrell was honored with the Steven D. Gold Award in 2020.

He demonstrates the same passion for education as a champion for Israel. Dr. Costrell is a leading voice in Arkansas for advancing policies supporting our friend and ally. He has helped educate citizens and leaders at all levels of government about the importance of a strong U.S.-Israeli relationship. His advocacy is especially important today as Israel is under attack by terrorists. As Dr. Costrell would tell us, Israel has a right to defend itself and secure the safety of its people. The U.S. must continue to support Israel through these difficult times.

While Dr. Costrell may be retiring from academia, it is not likely he will slow down. I am confident he will continue to be a vocal supporter of Israel's right to exist and fight to ensure we deliver on our promise to our ally.

I applaud Dr. Costrell for his tremendous career helping shape education policy and setting the stage for success for future generations. I am also grateful for his significant impact in Arkansas and in Washington, DC, as a strong advocate for Israel. I appreciate his friendship and example. I wish him well as he begins a new chapter.●

RECOGNIZING GEATER MACHINING AND MANUFACTURING, CO.

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Geater Machining and Manufacturing of Independence, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Geater Machining and Manufacturing was founded by Duane Geater in Independence, IA, in 1962. The company started with Duane, a single employee, and Collins Aerospace as their first client. In 1964, the company took on the name Geater Machining, Co. and started a manufacturing division. The company moved to a new location in Independence in 1965 before constructing their current 42,000-square-foot headquarters in 1976. In 1994, Duane retired and his son Scott Geater took over as president. Under Scott's leadership, Geater Machining and Manufacturing added 20,000 square feet to their cur-

rent location in 2023. Duane Geater passed away in 2012, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, service, and manufacturing excellence.

Geater Machining and Manufacturing is an exemplary family business. Three generations of the Geater family have worked at the company, and their products have been instrumental in U.S. history. On May 2, 2011, SEAL Team Six carried out Operation Neptune Spear and killed Osama Bin Laden. The helicopters used to transport them on the mission were equipped with radio equipment manufactured with Geater Machining and Manufacturing parts.

Geater Machining and Manufacturing is actively involved in both the Independence and Buchanan County communities and have been recognized for their hard work. They are actively involved in student outreach, including hosting tours of their facilities, classroom activities, and apprenticeship programs for local students. They won the Heritage Award for setting the industry standard by Rockwell Collins at their Annual Supplier Conference in 2015. In 2016, they were awarded the President's Award for top supplier by Rockwell Collins. In 2016, they were also highlighted by Manufacturing Today for their contributions and history in the manufacturing and machining industry. Due to their team's hard work, Geater Machining and Manufacturing celebrated its 61st business anniversary in 2023.

Geater Machining and Manufacturing's commitment to providing high-quality precision machining, sheet metal fabrication, and finishing operations to customers throughout the United States while maintaining their Independence roots is clear. I want to congratulate the Geater family and the entire team at Geater Machining and Manufacturing for their continued dedication to providing high quality parts to clients across the country. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

TRIBUTE TO JONATHAN STONE

• Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President I rise today to honor my constituent, Jonathan Stone.

Save The Bay is a nonprofit organization in Rhode Island that has, for 50 years, been dedicated to protecting and improving Narragansett Bay and all the waters that flow into it. Jonathan served as executive director of Save The Bay for 15 of those years, from 2008 to June of 2023.

During this time, Jonathan challenged everyone at Save The Bay to think creatively and tackle the most challenging issues facing Rhode Island's beautiful Narragansett Bay. His leadership strengthened the legal, advocacy, restoration, and education capacity of the organization, and built a strong foundation for its next 50 years. The Narragansett Bay watershed includes 400 miles of coastline and