

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.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-69

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

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

stretches 1,705 square miles inland, covering most of Rhode Island and much of Massachusetts. Its 3,500 miles of streams and rivers carry water into the bay from over a hundred towns and cities. This extraordinary natural resource needs constant care and stewardship.

Under Jonathan's leadership, Save The Bay successfully challenged proposals that threatened the bay, like the construction of an LNG terminal in Mount Hope Bay and a proposal to fill 33 acres of the Providence River. Save The Bay also championed several environmental legislative victories in Rhode Island, including landmark legislation to phase out cesspools, provide new wetlands protections, and create and fund a large-scale climate and resilience effort. With Jonathan at the helm, the organization expanded its reach by establishing a statewide coordinator for the International Coastal Cleanup and creating the Narragansett Bay Riverkeeper Program.

Jonathan led Save The Bay through the development and successful implementation of two strategic plans and created a third that set ambitious goals for water quality and habitat restoration, marine science education programs, diversity/equity/inclusion, and climate change advocacy. During his tenure, Save The Bay launched two new vessels, MV *Elizabeth Morris* and MV *Rosemary Quinn* to grow its marine science education programs, along with its public education programs: nature, seal watch, and lighthouse tours. Jonathan also led the organization's vision for building a new, state-of-the-art aquarium in downtown Newport, which is set to open in early 2024.

Through this all, he has been a kind and honorable friend. I applaud Jonathan for his steadfast leadership in protecting and working towards a fully swimmable, fishable, healthy Narragansett Bay, accessible to all. I wish him joy and success in his next endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, 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.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the Sec-

retary of the Senate, on November 16, 2023, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 6363. An act making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024 and for other purposes.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2023, the enrolled bill was signed on November 16, 2023, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

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

S. 3343. A bill to provide that United States citizens evacuating Israel shall not be required to reimburse the United States Government, 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-2824. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards" ((RIN0581-AE06) (Docket No. AMS-NOP-21-0073)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 14, 2023; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2825. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13338 with respect to Syria; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2826. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13667 with respect to the Central African Republic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2827. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13611 with respect to Yemen; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2828. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "CAMELS Rating System" (RIN3133-AF32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2829. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asset Threshold for Determining the Appropriate Supervisory Office" (RIN3133-AF41) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2830. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union

Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asset Thresholds" (RIN3133-AF36) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2831. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Capitalization of Interest in Connection With Loan Workouts and Modifications" (RIN3133-AF30) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2832. A communication from the General Counsel of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prompt Corrective Action: Earnings Retention Waivers and Net Worth Restoration Plans" (RIN3133-AF19) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 15, 2023; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 820. A bill to add the Consumer Product Safety Commission to the list of agencies required to be represented on the PFAS inter-agency working group (Rept. No. 118-112).

By Mr. SCHATZ, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 910. A bill to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 118-113).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COTTON, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. LANKFORD, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. ERNST, Mr. RUBIO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RICKETTS, and Mr. BARRASSO):

S. 3344. A bill to ensure that organizations with religious or moral convictions are allowed to continue to provide services for children; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. ERNST (for herself and Mr. KING):

S. 3345. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that floor plan financing includes the financing of certain trailers and campers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TESTER:

S. 3346. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain streams in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and Smith River system in the State of Montana as components of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. COTTON, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 3347. A bill to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to Ansarallah and its officials, agents, or affiliates for acts of