

a. The AN/ARC-201 very high frequency (VHF)—frequency modulation (FM) (VHF-FM) Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINGARS) is a reliable, field-proven voice and data communication system used with the UH-60. A non communications security (COMSEC) export variant of this radio that meets these requirements will be provided.

b. AN/ARC-231 RT-1808A (or future replacement) VHF/UHF/LOS satellite communications (SATCOM) Radios. The AN/ARC-231 is a software-definable radio for military aircraft that provides two-way, multi-mode voice and data communications over a 30 Hz to 512 MHz frequency range. It covers both line-of-sight ultra high frequency (UHF) and VHF bands with amplitude modulation (AM), FM, and SATCOM capabilities.

c. The AN/ARC-231A is a software-definable radio for military aircraft that provides two-way, multi-mode voice and data communications over a 30 Hz to 512 MHz frequency range. No designated exportable, non-COMSEC capable version is planned. The AN/ARC-231A supports both line-of-sight UHF and VHF bands with AM, FM, and SATCOM capabilities. It also includes embedded frequency agile modes, Electronic Counter-Countermeasures (ECCM), anti-jam waveforms including Have Quick and Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINGARS), Demand Assigned Multiple Access (DAMA), and Integrated Waveform (IW). It provides simultaneous, real-time participation in tactical voice and data communications networks. The RT-1987 will provide National Security Agency (NSA) Tactical Secure Voice Cryptographic Interoperability Specification (TSVCIS) 3.1.1 crypto modernization compliance. Operator selectable air (raffle control channel spacing of 5, 8.33, 12.5, and 25 kHz steps, and other data link and secure communications features, provide battlefield interoperability.

d. The AN/ARC-210 is a family of radios for military aircraft that provides two-way, multi-mode voice and data communications over a 30 to 512+ MHz frequency range. It covers both UHF and VHF bands with AM, FM, and SATCOM capabilities. The ARC-210 radio also includes embedded anti-jam waveforms, including Have Quick and SINGARS, and other data link and secure communications features, providing total battlefield interoperability and high-performance capabilities in the transfer of data, voice, and imagery. The software-programmable encryption is under the NSA Cryptographic Modernization Initiative.

e. The AN/ARC-220 High Frequency (HF) Airborne Communication System provides rotary-wing aircraft with advanced voice and data capabilities for short- and long-distance communications. The system is software programmable with a frequency range of 2.0000–29.9999 MHz, in 100 Hz steps and provides for providing embedded automatic Link establishment (ALE), serial tone data modem, text messaging, GPS position reporting, and anti-jam (ECCM) functions.

f. The AN/APX-123A (or future replacement) Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Transponder is a space diversity transponder and is installed on various military platforms. When installed in conjunction with platform antennas and the remote control unit (or other appropriate control unit), the transponder provides identification, altitude, and surveillance reporting in response to interrogations from airborne, ground-based, and surface interrogators. The transponder will be classified SECRET if MODE IV, MODE 5, or MODE S fill is installed in the equipment with a crypto device. This item contains sensitive technology.

g. The VRC-100 HF Communication System is the ground station version of the AN/

ARC-220 for use in Aviation Operation Centers. It provides for advanced voice and data capabilities for short- and long-distance communications. The system is software programmable with a frequency range of 2.0000–29.9999 MHz in 100 Hz steps and provides embedded Automatic Link Establishment (ALE), serial tone data modem, text messaging, GPS position reporting, and anti-jam (ECCM) functions. The system is purchased with all required mounts, amplifiers, antennas, power supplies, and accessories.

h. The AN/PYQ-10 Simple Key Loader (SKL) is a ruggedized, portable, hand-held fill device for securely receiving, storing, and transferring data between compatible cryptographic and communications equipment. The AN/PYQ-10(C) Simple Key Loader (SKL) will contain the KOV-21 COMSEC card, which is a Controlled Cryptographic Item (CCI). Cryptographic functions are performed by an embedded KOV-21 card developed by the NSA.

i. The KIV-77 Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) Crypto Applique provides cryptographic and time-of-day services for a Combined Interrogator/Transponder (CIT) or individual interrogator or transponder Mark XIIA (Mode 4 and Mode 5) IFF system deployed to identify cooperative, friendly systems. The KIV-77 contains embedded security, and when keys are loaded is classified up to Secret.

j. The KY-100M is a self-contained terminal including COMSEC that provides for secure voice and data communications in tactical airborne and ground environments. It is an integral part of U.S. Forces' and Federal law enforcement agencies' networks and provides half-duplex, narrowband, and wideband communications. Its flexible interfaces increase compatibility with a wide range of voice, data, radio, and satellite equipment. The KY can support Tier I crypto.

k. The AN/APR-39C(V)1/4 Radar Warning System detects radar-based rangefinders, target designators, and beam rider systems targeting an aircraft or vehicle. The APR-39 is a detection component of the suite of countermeasures designed to increase survivability of current generation combat aircraft and specialized special operations aircraft against the threat posed by laser designated or guided weapons. This item contains sensitive technology.

l. The AN/AVR-2B Laser Warning Receiver detects laser rangefinders, target designators, and beam rider laser-aided systems targeting an aircraft or vehicle. The AVR-2B is a detection component of the suite of countermeasures designed to increase survivability of current generation combat aircraft and specialized special operations aircraft against the threat posed by laser designated or guided weapons. This item contains sensitive technology.

m. The AAR-57 Common Missile Warning System (CMWS) is an integrated infrared (IR) countermeasures suite utilizing ultraviolet (UV) sensors to display accurate threat location and dispense countermeasures either automatically or under pilot or crew control to defeat incoming missile threats.

n. Embedded GPS/Inertial Navigation System INS (EGI) provides GPS and INS capabilities to the aircraft. The EGI will include Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) security modules to be used for secure GPS Precise Positioning Service (PPS) if required. The Embedded GPS/INS within the SAASM contains sensitive technology.

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

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the infor-

mation 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 Croatia 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 are authorized for release and export to Croatia.

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, from January 8, 2024, through January 11, 2024, I was unable to be present for roll-call votes due to illness. However, had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

On the rollcall vote No. 1, on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of John A. Kazen to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, I would have voted yea.

On the rollcall vote No. 2, to confirm the nomination of John A. Kazen to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, I would have voted yea.

On the rollcall vote No. 3, on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of S. Kato Crews to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Colorado, I would have voted yea.

On the rollcall vote No. 4, to confirm the nomination of S. Kato Crews to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Colorado, I would have voted yea.

On the rollcall vote No. 5, on the question of whether to override the President's veto of S.J. Res. 32, a resolution of disapproval of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, I would have voted nay.

On the rollcall vote No. 6, on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Erika L. McEntarfer to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, I would have voted yea.

On the rollcall vote No. 7, to confirm the nomination of Erika L. McEntarfer to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, I would have voted yea.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING PENN DRUG COMPANY

● 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 Penn Drug of Sidney, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Penn Drug Company was founded by John Newton Penn in 1863 after he moved to Southwest Iowa from Pennsylvania to open a medical practice. He

purchased the medicine he needed from a local doctor and, in 1864, built the drugstore at 714 Illinois Street in downtown Sidney, the same building Penn Drug continues to operate in today.

After years of serving the community, John Newton Penn sold Penn Drug to his son Alphonso Valdeze Penn in 1876. In addition to being one of the first registered pharmacists in the State of Iowa, Alphonso Valdeze Penn served in the Iowa General Assembly from 1909 until 1911. Alphonso Valdeze Penn's son Alphonso "Val" Valdeze Penn, Jr., began working at Penn Drug in 1910. Val Penn took over the family business with his wife Christena Penn in 1925. In 1970, William "Bill" A. Penn, Val Penn's son, became the owner of Penn Drug after working at the store since 1949. Bill Penn ran the store with his son Jeffrey Penn, the fifth generation of the Penn family in the 1990s.

In addition to being a community pharmacy, Penn Drug also offers delicious drinks from a soda fountain. Initially installed in the store in 1898, the soda fountain was expanded in 1946 to serve customers lunch in addition to ice cream and sundaes while they wait for their prescriptions.

Today, Penn Drug is owned by Angie and Leo Ettleman and Mark Vogt, who purchased the store in 2015. Angie Ettleman is no stranger to Penn Drug. She started working at the drugstore in 1990 at the store's soda fountain. Penn Drug has the distinction of being the oldest pharmacy in Iowa, which is largely due to the dedication of each new owner to maintain a piece of Iowa history and honor the Penn family legacy.

Penn Drug is active in the Sidney community. Over the years, the team has hosted events, including Christmas open houses and customer appreciation days. Penn Drug also provides delivery options for prescriptions from the pharmacy throughout Southwest Iowa. In 2024, Penn Drug celebrated its 161st business anniversary.

Penn Drug's commitment to providing rural healthcare services while preserving a historic Iowa business is clear. I want to congratulate Angie and Leo Ettleman, Mark Vogt, the Penn family, and the entire team at Penn Drug for their continued dedication to the Sidney community. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in Iowa.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DENECEE G. HUFTALIN

● Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the exemplary service and leadership of Dr. Deneece G. Huftalin, who will soon conclude a decade of service as the eighth president of Salt Lake Community College, SLCC.

Deneece grew up in Millcreek, UT, and studied at the University of Utah, where she fell in love with university life and decided to dedicate her profes-

sional career to advancing higher education. After working at several education institutions throughout the country, Deneece returned to Utah and joined Salt Lake Community College in 1992. She has been a fixture at SLCC ever since, holding various roles at the college before being inaugurated as its president in 2014. Throughout her more than three decades at SLCC, she displayed an unwavering devotion to community and State service commitments while balancing the demands of a young family.

During her tenure, the college has experienced significant growth. SLCC now boasts the largest and most diverse student body of any 2-year college in the State, with 10 campuses throughout Utah. Students come from an array of backgrounds to pursue studies in more than 200 degree and certificate programs. At SLCC, students succeed in pursuing their passions, in large part because of how President Huftalin has created innovative educational opportunities.

A champion of the learner, regardless of background, President Huftalin has consistently created education pathways instead of barriers. Some of her crowning achievements include expanding initiatives that bolster college readiness for high schoolers, providing funding for students when Federal aid falls short and making online education resources mainstream and accessible. The Open Educational Resources initiative alone has saved students more than \$21 million. Another program which President Huftalin was instrumental in creating, SLCC's Prison Education Program, made a difference in the lives of many. One of the program's graduates spoke about its impact, saying: "For many of us, education served as a lifeline, a way to rise above our circumstances and make a difference . . . it became important to me to take charge of my life to secure my future and try to enlighten those around me."

Buoyed by the dedication of remarkable students and the tireless work of the entire SLCC faculty and staff, President Huftalin has created a ripple effect that will long outlast her tenure. Her family—husband Tim and sons Max and Eli—have supported her throughout her journey and helped make it all possible. I have no doubt that Deneece will continue to serve those around her in meaningful ways. The State of Utah thanks her for tireless service to the noble endeavor of education. Thank you.●

#### TRIBUTE TO MARY LAWLER

● Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize Mary Lawler of Jaffrey as January's Granite Stater of the Month. After retiring from a 50-year nursing career, Mary has continued to volunteer at Monadnock Community Hospital—MCH—for the past 12 years, helping to welcome new employees and set them up for success.

Mary has always had a close connection to the hospital, which is where her mother worked as a nurse and where Mary herself started her career, working in the operating room. MCH is also where Mary gave birth to her children. She says that the hospital staff is very close-knit, with everyone making an effort to be friendly and make people feel comfortable. The hospital's focus on taking excellent care of patients and building such a strong community is a big part of what draws her to continue volunteering even at age 86.

Mary hopes to keep volunteering as long as possible. Her medical experience lends itself to many different potential roles at the hospital, but she most often volunteers in the human resources department because that is where they need her help the most. Mary is driven by the example that her mother set when she worked at the hospital; Mary was inspired to become a nurse in part after seeing her mother's career, and she has always admired her mother's compassion for others.

Mary's work ethic, generosity, and kindness is emblematic of the Granite State spirit of rolling up our sleeves and pitching in to help out, recognizing that, regardless of our stage in life, we can always make a difference. I am proud to recognize Mary's dedication to supporting the staff and the patients of Monadnock Community Hospital.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:05 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 bill, without amendment:

S. 3427. An act to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3865. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the "Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building".

H.R. 3947. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the "Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building".

H.R. 5528. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 1 of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board Act (2 U.S.C. 154), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Speaker appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board for a five-year term: Ms. Cynthia Fisher of Newton, Massachusetts.