

Targeting Pods. Also included are technical data and publications; personnel training; software and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$80 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a key partner that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Indo-Pacific region.

The proposed sale will improve Malaysia's capability to meet current and future threats by modernizing its current F/A-18D platform with a common targeting pod. This proposed sale will also mitigate future obsolescence concerns and allow the Royal Malaysian Air Force to meet future operational requirements. Malaysia will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment 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, located in Orlando, FL, and The Boeing Company, located in St. Louis, MO. 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 Malaysia.

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

UNANIMOUS CONSENT OBJECTION

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I rise today to give notice of my intent to object to any unanimous consent agreement regarding Executive Calendar No. 630, the promotion of Col. David M. Church to be Brigadier General in the U.S. Army.

While serving as the senior intelligence officer at the National Guard Bureau, Colonel Church was involved in retaliation against an Army officer who had turned information over to the Department of Defense Inspector General.

The Continental Congress, on July 30, 1778, unanimously enacted the first whistleblower legislation, stating: "It is the duty of all persons in the service of the United States, as well as all other inhabitants thereof, to give the earliest information to Congress or other proper authority of any misconduct, frauds or misdemeanors committed by any officers or persons in the service of these states, which may come to their knowledge."

Unfortunately, to this day, there are still people in government who retaliate against those brave individuals who are the fail-safe for our government. Such people have no place in public service.

CONFIRMATION OF DONNA ANN WELTON

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I come to the floor today in strong support of the confirmation of Donna Ann Welton

to be the United States Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. This is a country that earned independence after centuries of colonial rule under the Dutch and, then, Indonesian Governments. Today, we still see senior figures coming to power in Indonesia that could drag up the Timor-Leste's painful past.

From helping our Peace Corps volunteers working in the country, to being a partner in Timor-Leste's energy transition, we need an Ambassador working in our Embassy that will support the democratic ambitions of Asia's youngest country.

Ms. Welton's experience and expertise means she is ready to hit the ground running. She recently served as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Programs and Operations in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. Ms. Welton began her career with the United States Information Agency in the Republic of Korea and has served in Afghanistan and Finland. She is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service and someone who will stand up for human rights and advance good governance efforts in this important part of the world.

I am pleased that my colleagues voted to confirm Ms. Welton to be Ambassador to Timor-Leste.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING DR. CECIL "CHIP" MURRAY

• Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the life of the Reverend Doctor Cecil L. "Chip" Murray, who passed away on April 5 at the age of 94 after nearly five decades of commitment to his south Los Angeles community.

Rev. Murray was born on September 26, 1929, in Lakeland, FL, and moved with his family to West Palm Beach at a young age. From seventh grade until the end of high school, he served as a junior pastor and led services and sermons, showing an early interest in the ministry. But his path to the pulpit wasn't always so clear: after high school, he enrolled in Florida A&M University, an HBCU, and majored in history, before serving in the Air Force.

Rev. Murray would serve in uniform for a decade, training in fighter jets and working as a radar intercept officer in the Korean war, even earning the Soldier's Medal of Valor. After a life-threatening plane crash, Rev. Murray decided to pursue his doctorate in divinity from Claremont School of Theology in Southern California.

His early career in the ministry began at Primm AME Church in Pomona, CA, delivering sermons to just a seven-member congregation, a crowd that would one day be dwarfed by the community he would build in south Los Angeles. After stops in Kansas City and Seattle, Rev. Murray eventually

landed at the historic First AME Church in Los Angeles, where a congregation of a few hundred soon became a congregation of thousands.

During his tenure at First AME, Rev. Murray would become host to leaders like President Bill Clinton and President George W. Bush and officiant of funerals for stars like Ray Charles and Eazy-E.

But to many, it was his leadership during crisis in Los Angeles that left the most memorable imprint on the city.

Throughout his life, he had a profound understanding of racial tensions in America. He was the descendant of slaves, had been beaten as a child in the Jim Crow South, and would later be threatened by racists plotting to bomb his church. But for all the violence he experienced, at the height of racial tensions during the Rodney King riots of 1992, he preached peace. As fires engulfed the city, he served as a calming presence for the community, even raising \$1.5 million to rebuild from the ashes in the aftermath of the riots.

As countless Angelenos know, his service didn't end there. For decades, his church was at the center of the community: a lifeline providing food and clothing, affordable housing and home loans, economic and employment assistance, and even starting a private school and providing thousands of college scholarships to students.

Looking back, whether in 1994 or 2024, one wonders what south Los Angeles would look like without the faith and leadership of Rev. Dr. Cecil "Chip" Murray. As we celebrate him alongside his son Drew and all the loved ones and community members graced by his life, we remember the difference he made for Los Angeles and the legacy he now leaves behind.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. BOB ROSS

• Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, after nearly a quarter century of leadership, Dr. Bob Ross will step down this year from his position as president and CEO of the California Endowment. I rise today to honor the exemplary achievements of Dr. Ross in his role as a fierce health and safety advocate in California and for a lifetime of caring for communities across the country.

Whether in his role as director of San Diego County's Health and Human Services Agency, as commissioner for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, or as an instructor of clinical medicine, Dr. Ross' extensive background in public health made him the perfect candidate to be appointed president and CEO of the California Endowment in September 2000.

In the time since his appointment, the California Endowment has helped change the culture of care in California for the better. Under Dr. Ross' leadership, the California Endowment has worked relentlessly in pursuit of "Health for All," working to expand

coverage for undocumented immigrants, farmworkers, and Dreamers; to improve health outcomes for communities of color; and to increase diversity in the healthcare workforce.

Dr. Ross' leadership of the LA County Task Force on Alternatives to Incarceration helped reframe our approach to health in the justice system. His efforts have not only improved health outcomes but have also ensured that inclusion and equity are at the forefront of our health systems.

And of course, as a founding board member of Covered California, Dr. Ross' dedication to fostering an equitable healthcare delivery system was pivotal in bringing the Affordable Care Act to life in California.

While it is hard to believe there would ever come a day when the "Yoda of Philanthropy" would step down, we know the legacy he now leaves behind. It is a legacy of service, a commitment to equitable healthcare in California, and a roadmap for the California Endowment and all Californians to follow.

We are profoundly grateful for Dr. Ross' unyielding commitment to a healthier, more equitable California.●

TRIBUTE TO DONALD "D." TAYLOR

● Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate Donald "D." Taylor for a lifetime of commitment to the labor movement and the empowerment of workers across the Nation.

In March, Taylor stepped down as president of the UNITE HERE labor union, after dedicating four decades to mobilizing support and relentlessly advocating for working families.

Born in Williamsburg, VA, D. Taylor started his journey in the food services industry at just 14, working at a Kentucky Fried Chicken, before eventually waiting tables part time while he attended Georgetown University. It was there that Taylor joined the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union—HERE—the start of what would become an extraordinary career fighting for dignity of workers.

Not long after graduation, Taylor began work in the Reno-Tahoe area of Nevada for the Culinary Workers' Union, before eventually arriving in Las Vegas to help organize during a strike against the hotel-casino industry at a time when the union's membership had fallen to 18,000.

Taylor quickly rose the ranks of leadership, serving as staff director and chief lieutenant to the head of the Culinary, before eventually being elected secretary-treasurer himself in 2002. By the time he was elected president of the international parent union UNITE HERE 10 years later, the local Culinary had tripled in size, becoming an essential resource for hospitality workers in the region, and a powerhouse in Nevada politics.

Under his tenure as president of UNITE HERE from 2012 to 2024, over 140,500 workers have joined the union,

making UNITE HERE the fastest growing private sector affiliate of the AFL-CIO.

On a personal note, as the proud son of a UNITE HERE Local 11 retiree, looking back, I now know why families like mine could see a doctor when we were sick or could take time off of work each year for vacation—or could even afford to buy a home. It is because of a good union contract. And it is because of the leadership of people like D. Taylor.

For decades, he has fought to improve the quality of working standards for service employees across the country, defending that most basic belief that no matter who you are or where you come from, "One Job Should Be Enough."

While we know his work advocating for working people doesn't end today, we honor D. Taylor for his tireless dedication and the transformative impact he has had on the lives of hundreds of thousands of workers.●

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TABLE ROCK LAKE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

● Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize 50 years of steady economic development, volunteerism, and stewardship from the Table Rock Lake Area Chamber of Commerce in Missouri.

Formed in 1974 as the Kimberling City Chamber of Commerce, the group has adapted and changed to accommodate the needs and interest of its community. In the 1990s, the chamber launched an initiative to protect the waters of Table Rock Lake, which spawned a part of the organization known today as H2Ozarks. Now, the chamber has embarked on a 5-year economic development initiative called Launch Stone County and has recently moved to a new location in Branson West to provide additional services to the business community.

The chamber has remained committed to promoting tourism of Stone County and the Ozarks, working to preserve the beauty of Table Rock Lake for future generations to enjoy. I am proud that such a vibrant community of small businesses exists and thrives in Missouri and hope Table Rock Lake continues to be a celebrated tourist destination for years to come.●

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13873 OF MAY 15, 2019, WITH RESPECT TO SECURING THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES SUPPLY CHAIN—PM 50

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message

from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13873 of May 15, 2019, with respect to securing the information and communications technology and services supply chain, is to continue in effect beyond May 15, 2024.

The unrestricted acquisition or use in the United States of information and communications technology or services designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of foreign adversaries augments the ability of these foreign adversaries to create and exploit vulnerabilities in information and communications technology or services, with potentially catastrophic effects. This threat continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13873 with respect to securing the information and communications technology and services supply chain.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 8, 2024.

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13338 OF MAY 11, 2004, WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SYRIA—PM 51

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to