

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from California (Ms. BUTLER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), and the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Iowa (Ms. ERNST), the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. HAGERTY), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MORAN), the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO), and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SUL-LIVAN).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 67, nays 24, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 191 Ex.]

YEAS—67

Baldwin	Grassley	Ricketts
Barrasso	Hassan	Risch
Bennet	Heinrich	Romney
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Booker	Hirono	Rounds
Brown	Hoeben	Schatz
Cantwell	Hyde-Smith	Schumer
Capito	Kelly	Shaheen
Cardin	King	Smith
Carper	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Casey	Lujan	Tester
Cassidy	Lummis	Tillis
Collins	Manchin	Van Hollen
Coons	McConnell	Warner
Cornyn	Merkley	Warnock
Cortez Masto	Mullin	Warren
Crapo	Murkowski	Welch
Daines	Murphy	Whitehouse
Duckworth	Murray	Wicker
Durbin	Ossoff	Wyden
Fischer	Padilla	Young
Gillibrand	Peters	
Graham	Reed	

NAYS—24

Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Johnson	Sanders
Braun	Kaine	Schmitt
Britt	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Budd	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Thune
Cramer	Markey	Tuberville
Cruz	Marshall	Vance

NOT VOTING—9

Butler	Hagerty	Rubio
Ernst	Menendez	Sinema
Fetterman	Moran	Sullivan

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). On this vote, the yeas are 67, the nays are 24.

The motion is agreed to.

The Senator from Arizona.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. KELLY. 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.

(At the request of Mr. THUNE, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

VOTE EXPLANATION

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as a result of multiple flight delays and cancellations due to the severe storm sweeping across Florida, I will miss today's votes.●

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATIONS

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 still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an 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. 24-42, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$220 million. 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. 24-42

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: Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO).

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$0
Other \$220 million.
Total \$220 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

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

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-MDE: Standard spare and repair parts, components, consumables, and accessories for F-16 aircraft; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (TW-D-KDW).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: TW-D-KDV.

(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: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: June 5, 2024.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States—F-16 Standard Spare and Repair Parts

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (TECRO) has requested to buy standard spare and repair parts, components, consumables, and accessories for F-16 aircraft; 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 \$220 million.

This proposed sale is consistent with U.S. law and policy as expressed in Public Law 96-8.

This proposed sale serves U.S. national, economic, and security interests by supporting the recipient's continuing efforts to modernize its armed forces and to maintain a credible defensive capability. The proposed sale will help improve the security of the recipient and assist in maintaining political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

The proposed sale will improve the recipient's ability to meet current and future threats by maintaining the operational readiness of the recipient's fleet of F-16 aircraft. The recipient 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.

This equipment will be transferred from U.S. Air Force stock. 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 the recipient.

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

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL THOMAS J. TICKNER

Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to an exceptional officer in the U.S. Army, MG Thomas J. Tickner, who serves as the chief legislative liaison of the U.S. Army, and will retire from Active Duty after more than 33 distinguished years of active Federal service on 1 September 2024. Throughout his career, Major General Tickner has personified the highest standards of Army professionalism and the soldierly virtues of duty, integrity, and selfless service to the Army and our Nation. Many of us on Capitol Hill have enjoyed the opportunity to work with Major General Tickner, and it is my privilege to recognize his achievements.

Major General Tickner is a distinguished leader whose career in the U.S. Army has been marked by unwavering dedication and exceptional service. Born and raised in Wayne, PA, Major General Tickner embarked on his military journey with a commitment to excellence that would define his decades-long career.

Commissioned as a distinguished military graduate through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps, known as the ROTC, in 1989, Major General Tickner began his service as a platoon

leader in the 326th Engineer Battalion, 101st Airborne Division—Air Assault. His early years in the Army laid the foundation for a remarkable career characterized by a tireless work ethic and a commitment to the mission.

Throughout his 33 years of service, Major General Tickner has held a variety of tactical, operational, and strategic assignments, each demanding excellence and leadership. From serving as a company commander in the 84th Engineer Battalion—Combat Heavy in Hawaii, to overseeing engineering operations in Afghanistan as the engineer director for the Combined Security Transition Command—Afghanistan, known as the CSTC-A, Major General Tickner's career has been defined by versatility and proficiency.

Major General Tickner's leadership roles have spanned the globe, including commanding the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and serving as chief, Army Budget Liaison, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management and Comptroller. Notably, Major General Tickner's tenure as commanding general of the North Atlantic Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers, in Brooklyn, NY, saw him overseeing an extensive program of projects aimed at supporting the military, protecting water resources, and mitigating disaster risks, among other critical objectives.

In July 2017, Major General Tickner assumed command of the Pacific Ocean Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, where his responsibilities included engineering design, construction, and real estate management across a vast region encompassing Hawaii, Alaska, Japan, and the Republic of Korea. His leadership was instrumental in overseeing multibillion-dollar programs vital to regional security and cooperation.

Major General Tickner's commitment to education and professional development is evident in his academic achievements, including a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University, a master of civil engineering degree from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a master of science in national resource strategy from the Eisenhower School, National Defense University.

Throughout his illustrious career, Major General Tickner has been honored with numerous military awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Engineer Silver de Fleury Medal, among others. His exemplary service and steadfast leadership have earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues and superiors alike.

On behalf of Congress and the United States of America, I thank Major General Tickner, his wife Sheri; children Austin, Mason, Brooklyn, and Audrey; and their entire family for the commitment, sacrifices, and contribution they have made throughout Major General

Tickner's honorable military service. Congratulations on completing an exceptional and successful career.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING UNIVISION 34 ATLANTA'S LIGA DE CAMPEONES

• Mr. OSSOFF. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Univision 34 Atlanta's "Liga de Campeones" initiative for its 20-year commitment to empowering Georgia's Hispanic youth through education.

Since 2004, this initiative has provided invaluable support to high school seniors and college students, recognizing their academic excellence, perseverance, and dedication to community service.

"Liga de Campeones" stands as a beacon of hope, showcasing the resilience and determination of our youth in the face of adversity. By awarding scholarships and amplifying the stories of recipients on Univision 34 Atlanta's television and digital platforms, the program inspires others to pursue their dreams despite obstacles.

Through "Liga de Campeones," Univision 34 and its local partners have helped over 150 students overcome challenges and achieve their educational aspirations.

As Georgia's U.S. Senator, I recognize and commend Univision 34 Atlanta as they celebrate this 20-year milestone of "Liga de Campeones" and for their continued positive impact on Georgia's Hispanic youth. •

REMEMBERING JOAN JACOBS

• Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the life of Joan Jacobs, who passed away on May 6 at the age of 91. Through her philanthropic efforts, Joan spent decades improving the educational, technological, and cultural landscape of San Diego. Joan Jacobs was born on January 17, 1933, in New York City. She attended Cornell University, where she received her bachelor of science degree in 1954. That same year, she would meet her husband of 70 years, Irwin Jacobs. The couple soon made San Diego their adopted home after Irwin accepted a job at the small engineering school taking shape at UC San Diego. Years later, Irwin co-founded Qualcomm, which has become one of the largest employers in the region.

Joan and Irwin began to use their resources to uplift the arts, education, and so many other important causes in San Diego. To this day, San Diegans cannot travel far without feeling the incredible impact that Joan Jacobs left on the region.

In 2002, Joan and Irwin donated \$120 million to the once-bankrupt San Diego Symphony, allowing it to thrive and once again contribute to the cultural footprint of San Diego.

Additionally, the history of UC San Diego cannot be fully told without

highlighting the remarkable impact Joan made on its campus. The Jacobs family has infused over \$125 million into the UC San Diego School of Engineering. Today, the aptly named Irwin and Joan Jacobs School of Engineering is one of the top engineering schools in the country and boasts the highest enrollment of engineering students on the West Coast. Joan and Irwin also provided \$100 million to help develop the Jacobs Medical Center at UC San Diego, which has become one of the finest teaching hospitals in the country and provides critical specialized care to San Diegans.

So many other organizations across San Diego have been the beneficiaries of Joan's generosity, including the San Diego Central Library, the La Jolla Playhouse, the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, the Salk Institute, and the San Diego Food Bank.

Joan Jacobs has had an immeasurable impact on the city she loved and the community she served, and her legacy will be felt for generations to come. My heartfelt sympathies go out to my friend and colleague, Representative SARA JACOBS, and the entire Jacobs family. I hope my colleagues will join me in celebrating the extraordinary life of Joan Jacobs. •

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL MICHAEL J. GARSHAK

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, I rise today, along with my colleagues Senator MIKE CRAPO, Representative MIKE SIMPSON, and Representative RUSS FULCHER, to recognize MG Michael J. Garshak on his retirement from the National Guard and his distinguished service as the Adjutant General of Idaho.

Major General Garshak has dedicated over three decades of his life to serving our Nation and the State of Idaho. He began his military career in 1987 when he received a commission as an aviation officer through the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at Northern Arizona University.

Major General Garshak has demonstrated exceptional leadership, professionalism, and commitment to duty throughout his career. During his Active-Duty service, Major General Garshak served as an Apache attack helicopter platoon leader in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He also served as an Apache helicopter instructor pilot at Ft. Rucker, AL. In 1993, he joined the Idaho National Guard and served with the 1-183rd Aviation Regiment. He deployed as the 1-183rd Aviation Task Force Commander to Bosnia-Herzegovina from 2002-2003. His career of distinguished service and leadership ultimately led to his 2017 appointment by Governor Butch Otter to serve as the Adjutant General of Idaho.

Major General Garshak's dedication to his craft is evident through his extensive education and training. He holds a bachelor of science in business administration from Northern Arizona