

PN2204 ARMY nomination of Seung H. Hong, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2205 ARMY nominations (10) beginning FRANK L. ANALLA, and ending RANDALL T. STANFORD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2206 ARMY nominations (3) beginning LINDEN L. BOYER, III, and ending WADE W. PRESTON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2207 ARMY nominations (5) beginning WILLIAM J. BENSON, III, and ending SAMUEL P. OLIVER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2208 ARMY nomination of Ian C. Mull, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2209 ARMY nominations (2) beginning TEAH E. KARAMATH, and ending Chad K. Kawakami, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2210 ARMY nomination of Joseph J. Danyeur, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2211 ARMY nomination of Terry W. Fry, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2212 ARMY nomination of Michael A. Grygar, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2213 ARMY nomination of Jason A. Quash, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2214 ARMY nomination of Ethan M. Orwin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2215 ARMY nomination of Bryan M. Wierson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN2093 MARINE CORPS nomination of James F. Haunty, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 10, 2024.

PN2216 MARINE CORPS nominations (746) beginning JON R. ABEL, and ending HAILEY D. ZIEGLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

IN THE NAVY

PN2217 NAVY nomination of Christopher K. Kim, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2218 NAVY nomination of John M. Connally, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2219 NAVY nomination of Jory S. Morr, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2220 NAVY nomination of Andrew R. DeMaio, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2221 NAVY nomination of Conor C. Hozey, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2222 NAVY nomination of Michael J. Klauer, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2223 NAVY nomination of John T. Blum, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2224 NAVY nomination of Jane E. Shelley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN2225 SPACE FORCE nomination of Christopher K. Jordan, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2226 SPACE FORCE nomination of Paul Blocker, III, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

PN2227 SPACE FORCE nominations (5) beginning ALEXANDER L. HANSEN, and ending DAKOTA J. SAWYER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. HELMY. Madam 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 NOTIFICATIONS

Mr. CARDIN. Madam 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)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 24-0V. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 18-03 of July 10, 2018.

Sincerely,

J. AARON HARDING
(For Michael F. Miller, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-0V

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Government of the United Kingdom.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 18-03; Date: July 10, 2018; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

(iv) Description: On July 10, 2018, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 18-03, of the possible sale under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act of up to two hundred (200) AIM-120D Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM). This sale also included missile containers; weapon system support equipment; support and test equipment; site survey; transportation; repair and return support; warranties; spare and repair parts; publications and technical documentation; maintenance and personnel training; training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, logistics, and technical support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost was \$650 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$600 million of this total.

On March 12, 2019, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 0C-19, of the addition of Major Defense Equipment items from what was originally notified: one (1) AMRAAM AIM-120D Integrated Test Vehicle (ITV) and ten (10) AMRAAM Instrumented Air Vehicles. Additionally, this transmittal updated the notification of non-MDE to add embedded communication security devices. The addition of these items resulted in a net increase in cost of MDE of \$18 million, resulting in a revised MDE cost of \$618 million. The total case value remained \$650 million.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following MDE items: fifty-six (56) AIM-120D Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM); and four (4) AIM-120 AMRAAM guidance sections. The following non-MDE items will also be included: weapons system support and weapons support equipment. The estimated total value of the new items is \$174 million but will not result in an increase to the estimated total case value of \$650 million. The estimated total MDE value will remain at \$618 million of this total.

(v) Significance: This notification is being provided as the additional MDE items represents an increase in quantity over what was previously notified.

(vi) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a key NATO Ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

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

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 20, 2024.

COP29

Mr. WELCH. Madam President, world leaders and other high-ranking officials from nearly 200 countries have been in Baku, Azerbaijan, this week in pursuit of an agreement on financing of future actions necessary to avert a global catastrophe caused by climate

change. The outcome of these negotiations will signal whether the international community is finally getting serious about reducing carbon emissions to halt global warming—or still capable only of setting inadequate, voluntary goals, which they then fail to meet.

It is sadly ironic that the 29th Conference of the Parties, otherwise known as COP29, is being held in an oil-rich country that has wholly failed to meet its commitments under the Paris Agreement, and whose head of state, President Ilham Aliyev, has profited from his country's oil wealth. Aliyev has abused his authority, enriching himself and crushing any opposition to his authoritarian rule. In fact, Aliyev opened COP29 by praising fossil fuels as a "gift from God" and, in the run-up to the conference, penned several natural gas deals, boosting the fossil fuel industry in his country.

It is also distressing that rather than invest in clean energy, President-elect Donald Trump has pledged to do everything he can to increase the production of fossil fuels here in the United States and has threatened to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement. The result for the American people would be dirtier air, dirtier water, more disastrous oil and chemical spills, and more hurricanes, floods, droughts, fires, earthquakes, and other extreme weather events that have devastated communities across this country.

This year, another 40 billion tons of heat-trapping carbon will be spewed into the Earth's atmosphere. That is nearly double the emissions compared to just 25 years ago, despite the repeated warnings of the world's scientists of the harmful impacts on human health and the environment.

Madam President, 2024 is expected to be the first full year when we have breached the 1.5-degree Celsius target set in Paris, with temperatures reaching life-threatening levels for hundreds of millions of people. Wildfires are more frequent and intense than ever before. Water has become so scarce in some countries plagued by prolonged drought that it is more valuable than oil. Deforestation, another driver of global warming, is causing the extinction of an estimated 137 species of plants, animals, and insects every day. That is 50,000 species lost forever each year.

Economically, the story is no better. A recent working paper of the National Bureau of Economic Research estimates that for every additional degree of global warming, we can expect a 12 percent drop in global GDP. That translates to increasing costs for food, housing, clothing, transportation, and other basic needs.

To illustrate the global scope of climate change, both Vermont and Vietnam, on opposite sides of the planet, experienced catastrophic flooding this year. But they were not alone. This year has brought unprecedented flooding from torrential rainfall, hurri-

canes, and typhoons causing death and destruction on a massive scale in the United States, Central Asia, East Africa, West Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central Europe.

Despite this ominous trend, the response of the Republican-led House of Representatives was to prohibit a U.S. contribution to the Green Climate Fund in fiscal year 2025. The House included zero funding for the UN Environment Program, zero funding for USAID's clean energy programs, zero funding for USAID's climate adaptation programs, and they cut funding for USAID's programs to protect forests and wildlife.

President-elect Trump's designated czar for so-called government efficiency has proposed to cut the Federal budget by \$2 trillion. The consequences of cuts for programs to combat global warming worldwide, combined with increased investments in fossil fuels, would threaten future generations with potentially catastrophic increases in temperatures and sea levels unprecedented in human history. If President-elect Trump and the Republican Congress get their way, it is the American people who will suffer.

Climate change is a global crisis, requiring global solutions. The United States has the opportunity and obligation to be the world's leader on climate, not just because we are the second largest producer of greenhouse gas emissions, but because we have the world's strongest economy and the power to drive innovation.

Taking a back seat in addressing climate change will undercut our economic competitiveness and cede ground to China and other industrialized nations. And while the President-elect may seek to reverse the progress we have made in recent years, the American people understand that climate change is real. They are already coping with the impacts, which are becoming worse each year. I, and many others in the Senate, remain committed to working to transition away from fossil fuels, protect clean air and water, support vulnerable communities, and preserve biodiversity. We will continue to do all we can to ensure the United States does its part.

Unfortunately, at COP29, we are witnessing what an absence of strong U.S. leadership looks like. Argentina has withdrawn its delegation and, following in the President-elect's footsteps, is reconsidering its participation in the Paris Agreement. The heads of state of China, France, Germany, Japan, and India declined to attend. In fact, the top leaders of the 13 largest carbon emitters, including the U.S., are absent.

International cooperation must go on. COP29 must reaffirm, despite the ebbs and flows of electoral politics, that there is still an international commitment to address the climate crisis. A recent UN report on the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement

showed them falling woefully short of what is needed to avert what UN Climate Change Executive Secretary Simon Stiell described as a "human and economic train wreck for every country, without exception." New NDCs, which will outline parties' efforts to lower emissions through 2035, are due in February of next year and must be ambitious, substantive, and actionable to avoid an economic and human catastrophe.

In another measure of our collective ambitions, negotiators in Baku will set a new climate finance goal to replace the \$100 billion annual contributions pledged by developed countries to fund climate actions in developing nations. Experts have estimated that the need for financial assistance will exceed \$1 trillion annually by 2035. While countries have balked at this figure, direct fossil fuel subsidies reached \$1.3 trillion in 2022, according to the International Monetary Fund. Negotiators must increase public contributions by several orders of magnitude—hundreds of billions of dollars—in order to successfully leverage private finance if we hope to achieve this goal.

COP29 will also seek to implement article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which allows countries to trade emission reductions, by establishing rules for international carbon markets. Any markets emerging from these negotiations must be transparent, include strong environmental guardrails, and be strictly enforced. They must account for the full lifecycle of carbon emissions, a range of conservation actions, and the unique natural resources of countries across the world. Carbon markets cannot be allowed to "greenwash" or "offset" continued emissions by polluters, but facilitate real, lasting change in our global energy systems.

Finally, we must use COP29 as an opportunity to continue building momentum in the effort to limit the climate crisis. While we need to do more, we have made positive strides in recent years. The President's Emergency Plan for Adaptation and Resilience has mobilized billions of dollars to help developing countries manage the effects of global warming, reducing the risk of climate-fueled conflict and migration. Policies to strengthen the renewable energy sector have made renewables the cheapest electricity on the market, lowering the energy cost burden for consumers. Investments in green manufacturing will produce hundreds of thousands of new, good-paying, American jobs. Climate action is not only good for the environment, but also for our economy, public health, and national security.

COP29 must remind us of these facts and inspire action. Climate change is an existential threat that may soon dwarf all others we face. The 2050 deadline for climate action is only 25 years away. We are no longer talking about future generations; it is our generation that will have to contend with a climate that is increasingly hostile. The

clock is running out. There is no more time to waste.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DR. CARMEN PORCO

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam President, today I rise to honor the retirement of Rev. Dr. Carmen Porco following a 50-year career of dedicated service in Wisconsin communities. His tireless work advocating for access to housing and leading a multifront effort to fight poverty has touched thousands of lives across the State of Wisconsin.

Reverend Dr. Porco grew up in a small town in West Virginia. In his youth, he saw his mother put some of her hard-earned money toward helping support those who lost their jobs in a steel mill layoff. Inspired by his mother's selflessness, Reverend Dr. Porco began his career of public service early in his life. At 19 years old, he moved to Milwaukee to intern for the Milwaukee Christian Center. His internship focused on conflict resolution between youth gangs but exposed him to the now historic marches calling for open housing legislation. Between 1967 and 1968, African-American teenagers led by Father James Groppi marched for 200 nights throughout Milwaukee to advocate for fair housing. Reverend Dr. Porco joined those marches and in turn found a passion that shaped his entire career.

Reverend Dr. Porco went on to develop and lead Housing Ministries of Wisconsin, which aims to move residents from public housing toward homeownership. Throughout his long and impressive career, Reverend Dr. Porco has fought to end poverty by supporting and uplifting the individuals affected by it. He helped improve the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development with his revolutionary housing model. The model recognizes the importance of fighting poverty on multiple fronts by including opportunities for education and personal growth. Reverend Dr. Porco's housing model has since been implemented in over 800 units of section 8 housing across Wisconsin.

One of the properties managed by Reverend Dr. Porco was Greentree-Teutonia Community Learning Center in Milwaukee. To the 700 people who call Greentree home, the center offers more than just shelter. Greentree also provides education, job training, and other support programs. Despite roadblocks, Greentree has been immensely successful thanks to the dedication of leaders like Reverend Dr. Porco. The success of his programs shows the power of Reverend Dr. Porco's wholistic approach to combatting poverty.

Reverend Dr. Porco has been rightfully honored for his efforts on many levels. In 2006, he earned the prestigious Champions of Change award from the George W. Bush administration, acknowledging his extraordinary effort to end housing insecurity in Wis-

consin communities. He also earned the 2020 Hometown Hero award from the Wisconsin State Assembly for his decades of advocacy and the 2017 Dane County Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award, for upholding the values of the civil rights legend. In 2019, the nonprofit organization Center on Business and Poverty dedicated a faculty chair to his name, housed at the University of Oxford in England.

Reverend Dr. Porco has been a leading voice in equitable housing solutions for over 50 years. He has advocated with a tireless compassion, determination, and intellect—never ceasing in his service of those in need. Today, as Reverend Dr. Porco moves into retirement, he leaves a legacy of service that will not be forgotten. I am proud to join others across Wisconsin in honoring his career and lifetime of service.

REMEMBERING HERBERT "BERTIE" BOWMAN

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following statement be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

IN HONOR OF HERBERT "BERTIE" BOWMAN

Whereas, Bertie H. Bowman's remarkable life journey is an embodiment of the American dream, having transcended humble beginnings as the son of South Carolina sharecroppers to become the longest-serving African American congressional aide in history with 62 years of congressional service;

Whereas, in 1944, as a determined 13-year-old, Bertie Bowman arrived at the steps of the U.S. Capitol and embarked on a journey of resilience and unwavering dedication;

Whereas, Bertie Bowman's early days were marked by hardship, where he plowed fields barefoot and wore shoes only in winter, growing up with limited resources but boundless dreams;

Whereas, the pivotal moment when Senator Burnet R. Maybank extended a helping hand to Bertie, offering him a job sweeping the Capitol steps, ignited a path of opportunity that would define his extraordinary life;

Whereas, Bertie's tireless work ethic and determined spirit propelled him from sweeping the Capitol steps to serving 57 years at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, a testament to his unwavering commitment to self-improvement and public service;

Whereas, the enduring friendship and mentorship shared between Bertie Bowman and Bill Clinton during their time working in the Capitol showcased the power of camaraderie that transcends age and race;

Whereas, Bertie Bowman's unique ability to find common ground and focus on the positive contributions of individuals, even those with differing views, demonstrated his commitment to civility and unity;

Whereas, Bertie's legacy is a testament to the belief that hard work, dedication, and the pursuit of opportunity can lead to extraordinary achievements, inspiring countless individuals to strive for greatness;

Whereas, in 2019, the U.S. Senate Federal Credit Union honored Bertie Bowman—who served on the Credit Union Board for 46 years including two terms as chairman—by naming their headquarters building after him, recognizing his enduring impact on the Senate and the importance of civility in public service;

Whereas, Bertie H. Bowman's life story serves as a timeless reminder of the boundless possibilities that await those who persevere, a testament to the American spirit and the values of hard work, friendship, and civility that define our nation;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we pay tribute to the enduring legacy of Bertie H. Bowman, his remarkable journey, and his indomitable spirit that continues to inspire us all by remembering his former office suite, Senate Dirksen 415.

RECOGNIZING THE USA BIOLYMPIAD GOLD MEDALISTS

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I rise today to recognize the four members of the 2024 USA Biolympiad (USABO) team. At the 35th International Biolympiad held in Astana, Kazakhstan, each of the four members were awarded a gold medal.

I am pleased to honor each of the gold medal recipients: Jason Wang of Marriottsville Ridge High School, Marriottsville, MD; Bill Kexin Sun, Seven Lakes High School, Katy, TX; Suzuko Ohshima, North Hollywood Senior High School, North Hollywood, CA; and Frederick Song, Solon High School, Solon, OH.

The USABO is the premiere biology education and testing program for American high school students. The program's mission is to stimulate the intellectual curiosity in young scholars and develop their critical thinking in laboratory skills and biological reasoning. The USABO is sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Education (CEE), a nonprofit organization that provides cost-free programs to high school students and teachers. The CEE seeks to nurture young scholars to careers of excellence and leadership in the field of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

This is an incredible achievement that speaks to the hard work and dedication of this Nation's finest young high school scholars who will pursue careers in STEM.

I congratulate these exceptional students and look forward to hearing of their continued success.

TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA DONNELLY

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Olivia for her hard work as an intern in my Washington, DC, office. I recognize her efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Olivia is a native of Virginia. She is currently a junior at Madeira School in McLean, VA. She has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made her an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of her work is reflected in her great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Olivia for the dedication she has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have her as part of our team. I know she will have continued success with