

Aurelyn Van Kirk, 2023–2025; Sarah Venuto, 2016–2019; Benjamin Vester, 2020–2024; Sarah Waddill, 2024–2025; Carol Wallace, 2010–2011.

Kimberly Waller, 2012–2013; Angela Walsh, 2012–2022; Nick Ward, 2014–2015; Lance West, 2012–2023; Aidan Whitler, 2022–2025; Deborah Whitler, 2022; Christopher Williamson, 2012–2013; Kadey Witter, 2015–2017; Raymond Wittlinger, 2011; and Michael Youngson, 2015.

Mr. MANCHIN. Again, I say thank you. God bless you for the opportunity and experience of a lifetime. And I love each and every one of you.

(Applause.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. CARDIN. JOE, we are letting you have the last word here.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I ask the Chair to execute the order of November 20 with respect to the Weilheimer nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Gail A. Weilheimer, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

#### NOMINATION OF GAIL A. WEILHEIMER

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Pennsylvania State Court Judge Gail Weilheimer to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Weilheimer's impressive career as a litigator, combined with her experience as a State court judge, will make her an excellent addition to the Federal bench.

After earning both her B.A. and J.D. from Hofstra University, Judge Weilheimer began her legal career in public service as an assistant district attorney at the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, where she prosecuted a variety of crimes, from misdemeanors and juvenile cases to violent crimes.

Judge Weilheimer then transitioned to private practice, first at Abrahams, Loewenstein and Bushman; then Frank & Rosen, LLP; and finally at Wisler Pearlstone, LLP. In private practice, she represented various clients, from hospitals and doctors to public school districts and individuals. In her nearly two decades as a litigator, Judge Weilheimer tried more than 400 cases to verdict prior to taking the bench.

Since 2014, Judge Weilheimer has served as a judge on the Montgomery Court of Common Pleas, where she has presided over more than 500 trials that have gone to verdict and she has issued more than 200 written opinions.

Judge Weilheimer has the strong support of her home State Senators, Mr. CASEY and Mr. FETTERMAN. In addition, she was rated unanimously "well qualified" by the American Bar Association.

I urge my colleagues to support Judge Weilheimer's nomination.

#### VOTE ON WEILHEIMER NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Weilheimer nomination?

Ms. HASSAN. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Ms. SINEMA) is necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 50, nays 48, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 308 Ex.]

#### YEAS—50

Baldwin	Heinrich	Reed
Bennet	Helmy	Rosen
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Booker	Hirono	Schatz
Brown	Kaine	Schumer
Butler	Kelly	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Lujan	Tester
Casey	Manchin	Van Hollen
Coons	Markey	Warner
Cortez Masto	Merkley	Warnock
Duckworth	Murphy	Warren
Durbin	Murray	Welch
Fetterman	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Hassan	Peters	

#### NAYS—48

Barrasso	Fischer	Murkowski
Blackburn	Graham	Paul
Boozman	Grassley	Ricketts
Braun	Hagerty	Risch
Britt	Hawley	Romney
Budd	Hoeven	Rounds
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	Moran	Wicker
Ernst	Mullin	Young

#### NOT VOTING—2

Sinema Vance

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. WARNOCK). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the Brindisi nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 848; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to re-

consider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of the following named officers for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624: to be Major General, Brig. Gen. Walker M. Field and Brig. Gen. Jason G. Woodworth.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to Field and Woodworth nominations?

The nominations were confirmed.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. 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.

#### RECOGNIZING UNITED ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 598

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 598 as they mark their 80th anniversary. For eight decades, this organization has been a cornerstone of labor in my home State of Washington and an essential partner in our Nation's progress.

In 1944, during a critical time in our history, the U.A. chartered Local 598 to support the national security mission at the Hanford site in southeastern Washington. Local 598 members were not merely workers; they were heroes who played a vital role in constructing the infrastructure that safeguarded our country during World War II and the Cold War. In recent decades, Local 598 members have been an integral part of the Hanford cleanup mission. Their efforts exemplify the labor movement's spirit of resilience and commitment to community and environmental health. This is not just about history; it is about the ongoing journey toward a safer future for all.

Local 598's impact extends far beyond the Hanford site. Their skilled tradespeople have shaped numerous sectors—from energy infrastructure and fish hatcheries to schools, hospitals, and manufacturing facilities. Through robust training programs and apprenticeships, Local 598 has continually invested in the next generation of skilled craftspeople, ensuring that our workforce is equipped to meet contemporary challenges. Their commitment

to worker safety has established industry standards that other organizations strive to emulate, all while advocating tirelessly for fair wages, benefits, and working conditions. The legacy of Local 598 demonstrates that when workers unite, their advocacy benefits not only themselves and their families, but also their broader community.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to Local 598 for 80 years of unwavering service and commitment to excellence. I look forward to continuing to work alongside them to advance labor rights, safety standards, and the dignity of work in our great Nation.

#### 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)(5)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0N-24. 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 19-11 of April 15, 2019.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 0N-24

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

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

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 19-11, Date: April 15, 2019; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On April 15, 2019, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 19-11 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of the continuation of a pilot training program and maintenance/logistics support for F-16 aircraft then at Luke

Air Force Base, Arizona, to include flight training; participation in U.S. Government approved training exercises; inert/dummy training munitions; supply and maintenance support; spares and repair parts; support equipment; U.S. Government program management; publications; documentation; personnel training and training equipment; fuel and fueling services; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of program and logistical support necessary to sustain a long-term CONUS training program. The estimated total value was \$500 million. There was no Major Defense Equipment (MDE) associated with this sale.

This transmittal reports the inclusion of the following MDE items: seventy-two (72) MAU-209 Computer Control Groups (CCG) for practice GBU-12 Paveway II; seventy-two (72) MXU-650 Air Foil Groups (AFG) for practice GBU-12 Paveway II; thirty-six (36) KMU-572 Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) guidance kits for practice GBU-38; and eighteen (18) MK-82 inert filled bomb bodies. The following non-MDE items will also be included: practice bombs; DSU-38 Laser Illuminated Target Detectors for practice GBU-54 Laser JDAM; AN/PYQ-10 Simple Key Loaders; and classified software delivery and support. The estimated total value of the new items is \$7.1 million. These additions will result in an estimated \$2.7 million MDE value, and an increase to the non-MDE value by \$4.4 million. This will not cause an increase to the estimated previously notified value, which will remain at \$500 million.

(iv) Significance: The additional MDE was not enumerated in the original notification, so represents an increase in capability. The proposed sale will support the recipient to develop mission-ready and experienced pilots through CONUS training.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security and defensive capability of the recipient, which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability, military balance, and economic progress in the region.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Paveway II is a maneuverable, free-fall Laser Guided Bomb (LGB) that guides to laser energy reflected off the target. The LGB is delivered like a normal general purpose (GP) warhead, but the semi-active laser guidance corrects many of the normal errors inherent in any delivery system. The GBU-12 consists of a 500-pound live or practice bomb body fitted with the MAU-169 or MAU-209 Computer Control Group and MXU-650 Air Foil Group to guide the LGB to its laser designated target.

Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) consist of a live or inert bomb body paired with a warhead-specific tail kit containing an Inertial Navigation System (INS)/Global Positioning System (GPS) guidance (EGI) capability that converts unguided free-fall bombs into accurate, adverse weather "smart" JDAMs. The practice GBU-38 is a 500-pound JDAM, consisting of a KMU-572 paired with an inert bomb body. The inclusion of a DSU-38 converts a practice GBU-38 JDAM into a practice GBU-54 Laser JDAM by adding a precision laser guidance capability. This provides the optional capability to strike moving targets.

The MK-82 Inert Filled Bomb is a 500-pound, free-fall, unguided, low-drag, inert weapon used for integration testing and training. It has no explosive fill.

The AN/PYQ-10 Simple Key Loader is a handheld device used for securely receiving, storing, and transferring data between compatible cryptographic and communications equipment.

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

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: November 29, 2024.

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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. 24-103, 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 \$320 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,  
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-103

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 million.  
Other \$320 million.  
Total \$320 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-Major Defense Equipment: Critical spare and repair parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support for F-16 aircraft; Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) radar spare parts and support; 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-QCC).