

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-34

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The MK 84 General Purpose (GP) bomb is a 2,000-pound, free-fall, unguided, low-drag weapon. The MK-84 is designed for soft, fragment sensitive targets and is not intended for hard targets or penetrations. The explosive filling is usually tritonal, though other compositions have sometimes been used.

2. The BLU-109 bomb is a 2,000-pound, free-fall, unguided, low-drag, hard target penetration warhead designed to penetrate hardened structures before detonating.

3. The BLU-117 GP bomb is a 2,000-pound, free-fall, unguided, high and low-drag weapon equivalent to the MK-84 but slightly differs in explosive filler or manufacturer details.

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

5. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

6. A determination has been made that Israel 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.

7. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Israel.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE EVERETT

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, challenges are a part of life that show us what we are really made of. Corporal Wayne Everett of Fultondale reminds us that while we can't control what challenges life throws our way, we can control how we respond.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1965, leaving his small town of East Lake for the jungles of Vietnam. After discharging from the military, Wayne took his young family back home to the Birmingham area to work with his father as a painter for the next decade.

His years in Active Duty taught him lessons he carried with him in raising his family and in his career. Wayne took on the role of caregiver when his wife was diagnosed with cancer, and they were raising young children. Even in the face of tragedy, Wayne's loyalty never wavered.

And despite his wife's passing, Wayne continued to devote himself to his church and his family. Some years after, he remarried to an old friend where they joined their lives as a blended family. While Wayne is a man of few words, his character and actions speak volumes.

He is admired by all who know him, including his stepdaughter Reata, who

nominated him for this recognition. Reata said, "There has never been a stronger man alive."

Wayne's impact is also evident in his sons who are carrying on his legacy of military service. Wayne remains active at Gardendale Baptist Church, where he continues to faithfully serve his family and church family. His compassion and loyalty are an inspiration to us all.

It is my honor to nominate Wayne Everett as the March Veteran of the Month.●

TRIBUTE TO BO LADNER

• Mr. WICKER. Mr. President, on behalf of the people of Mississippi, I commend Bo Ladner, who has devoted his career to developing homes for Mississippians.

Bo has spent his entire life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He has not only made the region his home, but he has provided the same feeling to countless Mississippians.

As the owner of Paramount Contracting, Bo has sought to make homebuilding accessible to a wide range of customers. His company blends innovative design techniques with traditional, high-quality craftsmanship. It is clear that Bo's customers appreciate his work. In 2014, Paramount Contracting won the Best of Mississippi Home Builder award.

Bo has given back to his community when it needed him the most. When Hurricane Katrina devastated the gulf coast, Bo used his skills to provide relief. He helped homeowners with storm prevention, becoming a leader in building homes with extra reinforcement in areas susceptible to high winds and rain.

Of course, homes are more than concrete and wood. Bo has created a space for families to thrive and communities to come together. I join my fellow Mississippians in thanking Mr. Bo Ladner for providing homes—and the feeling of home—to so many in our State.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:03 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 joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 20. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters".

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

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title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 331. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WICKER, Mr. KING, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. ROUNDS, and Mr. PETERS):

S. 812. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure veterans may obtain a physical copy of a form for reimbursement of certain travel expenses by mail or at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 813. A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to provide families year-round access to nutrition incentives under the Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. FETTERMAN:

S. 814. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 28 East Airy Street in Norristown, Pennsylvania, as the "Charles L. Blockson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 815. A bill to designate the outdoor amphitheater at the Blue Ridge Music Center in Galax, Virginia, as the "Rick Boucher Amphitheater"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASSIDY, and Mr. COONS):

S. 816. A bill to increase United States jobs through greater United States exports to Africa and Latin America, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 817. A bill to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to forced organ harvesting within the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LUJÁN (for himself and Mr. CRAMER):

S. 818. A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to require the Secretary of Energy to establish an abandoned wells research, development, and demonstration program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REED, Mr.

MERKLEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MARKEY, and Ms. HIRONO):

S. 819. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax rate parity among all tobacco products, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 820. A bill to authorize the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, to enhance the United States-Caribbean security partnership, to prioritize natural disaster resilience, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. COONS):

S. 821. A bill to provide for increased reporting regarding Department of State Taiwan guidelines; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 822. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish a process for science-focused drug development meetings led by the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration with respect to drugs for rare diseases and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 823. A bill to create intergovernmental coordination between State, local, Tribal, and territorial jurisdictions, and the Federal Government to combat United States reliance on the People's Republic of China and other covered countries for critical minerals and rare earth metals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HUSTED (for himself and Mr. MORENO):

S.J. Res. 29. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Withdrawal of Technical Amendment"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S.J. Res. 30. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Park Service relating to "Glen Canyon National Recreation Area; Motor Vehicles"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. KING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. SHEEHY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HOEVEN, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. RISCH):

S. Con. Res. 8. A concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 9

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the names of the Senator from Penn-

sylvania (Mr. McCORMICK), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY), the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) were added as cosponsors of S. 9, a bill to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.

S. 107

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 107, a bill to amend the Lumbee Act of 1956.

S. 140

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 140, a bill to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, and for other purposes.

S. 199

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 199, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States.

S. 211

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 211, a bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to improve the management of grazing permits and leases, and for other purposes.

S. 272

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 272, a bill to improve the safety of infant formula through testing of infant formula for microorganisms and toxic elements, and for other purposes.

S. 292

At the request of Mr. CASSIDY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 292, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for charitable donations to nonprofit organizations providing education scholarships to qualified elementary and secondary students.

S. 315

At the request of Mr. MARKEY, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 315, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to issue a rule requiring access to AM broadcast stations in passenger motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 373

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Michigan

(Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 373, a bill to prohibit discrimination based on political affiliation in granting disaster assistance.

S. 426

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 426, a bill to provide for modifications to ending trafficking in government contracting, and for other purposes.

S. 472

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. LUJÁN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 472, a bill to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to provide for the establishment of a Ski Area Fee Retention Account, and for other purposes.

S. 522

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) were added as cosponsors of S. 522, a bill to amend the Federal Credit Union Act to modify the frequency of board of directors meetings, and for other purposes.

S. 530

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 530, a bill to repeal a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to enhance bilateral defense cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 556

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 556, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in logistical transactions and sanctions evasion relating to oil, gas, liquefied natural gas, and related petrochemical products from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 557

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 557, a bill to repeal the small business loan data collection requirements under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

S. 561

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. HUSTED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 561, a bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require the Secretary to designate food and food products to be made available under the supplemental