

years in prison. Now, Biden pardoned 9,500 people—9,500 people. This is not the debate that we are having.

Do you know what I have found in business that is maybe a little bit different than politics? The way to be successful is to look forward. If in business all you do is look in a mirror and blame and try to score points, you lose. We have to look forward.

You just said we have common cause. You don't want police officers—by the way, you and I—

Mr. MURPHY. Let's have common cause right now.

Mr. MORENO. Hold on.

Mr. MURPHY: Let's decide—

Mr. MORENO. Hold on.

Mr. MURPHY. Let's decide it was not OK for Donald Trump to let the people who brutally beat police officers out of jail early. Let's find common cause right now. That would be in service of preventing violence against police officers in the future because we could make it clear—you and I could make it clear right now—that it doesn't matter whether you are committing violence in the name of Donald Trump or not. It is wrong if you commit violence against police officers. Why can't you just agree with that?

Mr. MORENO. As my colleague knows—let me just restate—

Mr. MURPHY. Just say yes.

Mr. MORENO. Let me just state this again very simply. I haven't interrupted you, and I would ask you to give me the same courtesy.

Mr. MURPHY. I apologize.

Mr. MORENO. That is OK. Look, we don't know each other. We acknowledge that.

I actually believe that, in everybody, there is the innate desire to do good and that Democrats and Republicans love this country. This country is a gift to me. I came here from another country, as you know, and got the ability to live in this country. The issue at hand—in front of us—and what we can do right now is to pass the Larry Henderson Act, something that you have acknowledged that you agree with the elements in that bill: a mandatory 20 years for anybody who harms a Federal law enforcement officer. You said you agree on that.

We can have 100 distractions that go right back into another conversation. If you want to have a conversation, which, by the way, because I have gotten to preside—you have had that conversation multiple times. You and your colleagues have had it and you should and you deserve to have it. That is not the issue before us today. The issue before us today is, Do we want more Larry Hendersons?

So you asked me a question. I would ask you a question: If in the next week you knew that there was another Aaron Pelletier and we could have avoided that because we could have had a deterrent of a 20-year jail sentence for that person, what would you feel you would tell their family, "I was fighting a 4½-year-old grudge"?

Do you know that you can make a difference right now? We can do this right now. That is what the American public may not know and that I didn't know until I got here. We can actually pass this bill in the U.S. Senate right now—right now. We would make news. We would make history. We passed a bill—somebody from Ohio whom you would consider to be, maybe as a pejorative, a MAGA extremist and somebody who would say, maybe, disparaging things about your political beliefs. Both you and I—we have never met. We have never had a conversation. We have never shared a cup of coffee. We could save the lives of law enforcement officers all over this country. We could do that tonight.

I will ask you a question: Is it worth risking the life of a law enforcement officer to score political points?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. President, I understand the Senator is new. I will remind him you are not allowed to impugn the motives of Members of the Senate.

Listen, I think it is unfortunate that you cannot and other Republicans cannot say that the individuals who beat the living hell out of the police officers who protect us should not have gotten out of jail free. I don't think that is a separate issue from the broader concern about protecting police officers from violence because I think what you have done in endorsing violence, as long as it is perpetrated in the name of a political agenda, is to make every police officer in this country less safe and to make all of us less safe as well.

So I think, if we want to come together around an agenda to protect members of law enforcement, then, yes, it is very important—it is very important—for the future protection of the law enforcement officers, the police officers who protect us, to hear loudly from Republicans that there is no exception—no exception—to the premise that you will serve a long prison sentence if you commit an assault on a police officer.

So I look forward to continuing this dialogue with my colleague. I admit that we do not know each other. Maybe we can find common ground here, but this is not a small issue. The normalization of political violence in this country could be the defining issue of the next decade, and I think that my Republican colleagues will rue the day that they looked the other way when Donald Trump said that it was OK to beat police officers over the head with flag poles, to Taser them to the point that they were unconscious just because you were serving President Trump's political agenda. That is not a side issue. That is not a fringe issue. That issue of endorsement of political violence may be central to the question of whether this democracy survives.

I know we have a pending vote and our colleagues are eager to get home, and I look forward to continuing the conversation with my colleague.

VOTE ON UELAND NOMINATION

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

Mrs. BRITT. Mr. President, 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 senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Maryland (Ms. ALSOBROOKS) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 52, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 256 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Banks	Grassley	Mullin
Barrasso	Hagerty	Murkowski
Blackburn	Hawley	Paul
Boozman	Hoeben	Ricketts
Britt	Husted	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	Lankford	Sheehy
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Crapo	Marshall	Tillis
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Curtis	McCormick	Wicker
Daines	Moody	Young
Ernst	Moran	
Fischer	Moreno	

NAYS—45

Baldwin	Hirono	Rosen
Bennet	Kaine	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schiff
Booker	King	Schumer
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Shaheen
Coons	Luján	Slotkin
Cortez Masto	Markey	Smith
Duckworth	Merkley	Van Hollen
Durbin	Murphy	Warner
Fetterman	Murray	Warnock
Gillibrand	Ossoff	Warren
Hassan	Padilla	Welch
Heinrich	Peters	Whitehouse
Hickenlooper	Reed	Wyden

NOT VOTING—3

Alsobrooks	Gallego	Graham
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). 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 actions.

The majority leader.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Donahue nomination be waived.

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

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the

Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 88, Sean Donahue, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

John Thune, Mike Crapo, Thom Tillis, Cynthia M. Lummis, Mike Rounds, Rick Scott, Roger F. Wicker, Katie Boyd Britt, Steve Daines, John Boozman, John R. Curtis, James E. Risch, John Barrasso, Cindy Hyde-Smith, Dan Sullivan, Bernie Moreno, Jim Justice.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Sean Donahue, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 47, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 257 Ex.]

YEAS—52

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

NAYS—47

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Bennet	Kaine	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallego	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Reed	

NOT VOTING—1

Graham

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 47.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of Sean Donahue, of Florida, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume 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.

TRIBUTE TO KARL BAILEY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I have the privilege of recognizing my friend Karl Bailey, who will soon retire from the Architect of the Capitol after 23 years of Federal service as the supervisory health and fitness specialist in the Senate Members' fitness facility.

Karl began working in the Senate Members' fitness facility in March 2002 after 20 years as head athletic trainer at the Catholic University of America. Karl is the first health and fitness specialist hired by the Architect of the Capitol, working specifically in the Members' gym, designing workout routines for Senators. Karl is also the first NATA BOC certified athletic trainer to work in the legislative branch, specifically with Senators.

Karl has not only made an impact on Senators' health and well-being at the gym, but also the facility itself. In 2003, Karl lent his expertise to the floor design and purchase of strength and aerobic exercise equipment during a renovation of the Members' gym. Karl has overseen subsequent improvements to the Members' gym during his tenure.

Karl has been supported by his wife Susan, son Matthew, and daughter Rachel, who served as a Senate page in 2010. The Baileys will continue to reside in Glenn Dale, MD, while awaiting new adventures in retirement. As Karl embarks on a well-earned retirement, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for his friendship over the years. It has been a pleasure working with you, Karl, and I pray that God blesses you and your family in the days ahead.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. 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 notifica-

tion 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. JAMES E. RISCH,  
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. 25-23, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of the Czech Republic for defense services estimated to cost \$181 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. 25-23

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: Government of the Czech Republic.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:  
Major Defense Equipment \* \$0.  
Other \$181 million.  
Total \$181 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: The following non-MDE items will be included: AN/PYQ-10A(C) simple key loaders; AN/PRC-160, AN/PRC-163, and AN/PRC-167 radios; RF-300M-DL(C) small secure data links and support equipment; spare parts; U.S. Government and contractor technical engineering, logistics, and personnel services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (EZ-B-UEZ).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: None.

(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: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 5, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Czech Republic—Communications  
Equipment

The Government of the Czech Republic has requested to buy AN/PYQ-10A(C) simple key loaders; AN/PRC-160, AN/PRC-163, and AN/PRC-167 radios; RF-300M-DL(C) small secure data links and support equipment; spare