

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DAINES. 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.

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 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. 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)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-0P. 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 23-72 of September 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-0P

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Canada.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 23-72; Date: September 15, 2023; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On September 15, 2023, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 23-72 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of munitions and other systems to be integrated into MQ-9Bs purchased through Direct Commercial Sales, to include: twelve (12) AN/APY-8 Lynx Synthetic Aperture radars; two hundred nineteen (219) AGM-114R2 Hellfire II missiles; eighteen (18) KMU-572 tail kits for the GBU-38 Joint Direct-Attack Munition (JDAM) and GBU-54 Laser JDAM (LJDAM); twelve (12)

Mk82 500-lb General Purpose (GP) bombs; and six (6) Mk82 Filled Inert bombs. Also included were Due Regard Radars; SAGE 750 and SNC 4500 Electronic Surveillance Measures Systems; AN/ARC-210 radios; Compact Multi-Band Data Link (CMDL); KY-100M Narrowband/Wideband Terminals; KOR-24A Small Tactical Terminals; High-Bandwidth Compact Telemetry Modules (HCTM); KIV-77 cryptographic appliques and other Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) equipment; AN/PYQ-10C Simple Key Loaders (SKL); Common Munitions Built-In-Test/Reprogramming Equipment (CMBRE); FMU-139 Joint Programmable Fuses (JPF); M299 Hellfire launchers and training missiles; DSU-38 Precision Laser Guidance Sets; classified publications and technical documentation; munitions support and support equipment; secure communications, precision navigation, and cryptographic equipment; spare and repair parts, consumables, accessories, and repair and return support; unclassified software delivery and support; testing and integration support and equipment; maps and charts; personnel training and training equipment; transportation support; warranties; studies and surveys; Contractor Logistics Support (CLS); U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost was \$313.4 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$75.2 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: sixteen (16) Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) KMU-572 tail kits for GBU-38 or Laser JDAM GBU-54; eighteen (18) inert filled Mk-82 bombs; four (4) AN/APY-8 Lynx synthetic aperture radars; and eight (8) Hellfire Captive Air Training Missiles. The following non-MDE items will also be included: M34 Hellfire training missiles; Hellfire support equipment; AN/ALQ-230 Radar Warning Receiver/Electronic Support Measures (RWR/ESM) system; Computer Program Identification Numbers (CPIN); minor and major modifications and kits; aircraft and engine support equipment; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total value of the new items is \$149 million. The estimated MDE value will increase by \$27 million. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$122 million to a revised \$360.2 million. The estimated total case value will increase by \$149 million to a revised \$462.4 million. MDE constitutes \$101.2 million of this total.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided because the additional MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capability of Canada, a NATO Ally that is an important force for ensuring political stability and economic progress, and a contributor to military, peacekeeping, and humanitarian operations around the world.

(vi) 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.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: June 10, 2025.

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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)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-0T. 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 15-62 of November 19, 2015.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-0T

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Japan.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 15-62. Date: November 19, 2015, Military Department: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On November 19, 2015, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 15-62 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of three (3) RQ-4 Block 30 (I) Global Hawk Remotely Piloted Aircraft with Integrated Sensor Suite (EISS); eight (8) Kearfott Inertial Navigation System/Global Positioning System (INS/GPS) units (2 per aircraft with 2 spares); and eight (8) LN-251 INS/GPS units (2 per aircraft with 2 spares). Also included were operational-level sensor and aircraft test equipment, ground support equipment, operational flight test support, communications equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The total estimated case value was \$1.2 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$689 million of this total.

On April 4, 2016, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 0J-16 of the inclusion of two Ground Control Elements (GCE). The GCEs were not enumerated as MDE in the original notification of the Global Hawk RPA system. The total cost of the new MDE items was \$31 million, increasing the total estimated MDE value to \$720 million. The total estimated case value remained \$1.2 billion.

On April 4, 2022, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 0C-22 of the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: five (5) Kearfott INS/GPS; and two (2) LN-251 INS/GPS. Also included was hardware and software integration support. The total estimated MDE value remained \$720 million. The total estimated case value remained \$1.2 billion.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following non-MDE items: Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) services; the Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS); classified and unclassified software delivery and support; maps, publications, and technical documentation; transportation support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total value of the new items is \$1.61 billion. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$1.61 billion to \$2.09 billion. The estimated MDE value will remain at \$720 million. The total case value will increase by \$1.61 billion, resulting in a revised estimated total case value of \$2.81 billion.

(iv) Significance: This proposed sale will significantly enhance Japan's intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities and help ensure Japan is able to continue to monitor and deter regional threats.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a major ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Indo-Pacific region.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to other items reported here.

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

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: June 6, 2025.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 299, confirmation of the nomination of David Fotouhi to be Deputy Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted no. Mr. Fotouhi has demonstrated an alarming record as a partner in the D.C. law firm Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher LLP, where he has represented an industry challenge to the Biden ban on asbestos, challenged EPA's water quality standards related to legacy PCB contamination, represented tire companies that released a chemical known to kill salmon, and represented International Paper in lawsuits accusing the firm of contamination from PFASs. During the first Trump administration, he served as the EPA's deputy general counsel and acting general counsel. In these roles, he played a central part in revising the Waters of the U.S. rule that stripped Federal protections from wetlands and streams, and also led the EPA's effort to oppose bonding requirements on mining companies. Because of this poor environmental record, I would have voted no on his confirmation.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I was absent on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, for

rollcall vote no. 299. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 49, David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent from rollcall vote No. 297, confirmation of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Had I been present for the vote I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent from rollcall vote No. 298, the motion to invoke cloture on David Fotouhi to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Had I been present for the vote I would have voted nay.

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VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, on June 9, 2025, the Senate voted on rollcall vote No. 297, the confirmation of the nomination of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Due to travel delays, I missed this vote. However, I oppose confirming this nominee, and I would have voted nay if I were present.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I was absent for one rollcall vote on June 9, 2025.

On June 9, had I been present, I would have voted nay on the Nomination of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, rollcall vote No. 297.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 293, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 144, James O'Neill to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 294, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 120, John Andrew Eisenberg to be an Assistant Attorney General.

I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 295, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 120, John Andrew Eisenberg to be an Assistant Attorney General.

I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 296, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 111, Brett Shumate to be an Assistant Attorney General.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JIM AND RACHEL CHAMBERS

• Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, on June 18, 2025, Jim and Rachel Chambers commence their 50th year of marriage.

Jim and Rachel met at Cedarville College, both in preparation for ministry. Little did they know, this common calling would lead them to the joint venture of a lifetime.

After getting married in 1976, the Chambers began their journey together as many newlyweds do: humble beginnings, a can-do attitude, and constant reliance on God and each other. This has characterized their lives ever since. They built their own home from the ground up, raised a family in it, followed God's calling to serve the people of Zambia, Africa, as missionaries, and have now returned home to where they started together.

No matter the location, Jim and Rachel's home has exemplified love and hospitality. They both come from humble circumstances, surrounded by loving parents who pinched every penny and worked whatever job was necessary to give them opportunity. This sacrificial generosity has been emulated by Jim and Rachel ever since. They have welcomed foster children, provided shelter to widows and orphans, given respite to fellow missionaries and pastors, and always been available when family came knocking. From tea parties and pillow forts for their kids and grandkids to giving a glimmer of hope to the hopeless, their home has always been full of heart.

Family has never been in short supply for the Chambers. Jim comes from a family of 12 children, Rachel from a family of four. They have been blessed with six children—Nathan, Anne, Megan, Micah, Mary, and Rebecca—five children and one grandchild by marriage—Nathan, Michelle, David, Jake, Brandon, and Jake—19 grandchildren—Abigail, Caleb, Joanna, Hannah, Andrew, Karis, Adrianna, Timothy, Ethan, Kaeden, Jamin, Selah, Elisabeth, Julia, Levi, Asher, Leo, Claire, and Sophia—and a great-grandchild—Heinrich. From Ohio to Zambia, Indiana, Honduras, Pennsylvania, Florida, and right here in the Halls of Congress, the fingerprints of their legacy are everywhere.

Isaiah 40:31 says, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

June 18 starts Jim and Rachel's 50th year of waiting on the Lord together, soaring together, running together, and relying on the strength that never fails together.

Congratulations on 50 years and many more to come.●