

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.●

## RECOGNIZING NORTHWOOD FOODS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Northwood Foods as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1998, Brian Burkard founded Northwood Foods in Northwood, IA, with a vision to provide high-quality, custom pork processing services. The company began with a focus on boning and fabrication, quickly gaining traction in the industry. Within just 2 years, it expanded to serve clients not only across the United States but internationally. The rapid growth prompted major facility expansions in 2001 and 2006 to support increased demand for its products and services.

Today, Northwood Foods operates a 40,000-square-foot facility and employs more than 180 community employees. Renowned for its quality products and reliable service, the company now processes more than 600,000 pounds of fresh pork daily. Northwood Foods then ships the pork products directly to many of the Nation's premier pork processors for further production and distribution. Northwood Foods offers a wide range of pork processing services, including both standardized and custom-cut products tailored to client needs. Its versatile capabilities allow for pork ham boning, loin boning, rib cutting, and specialty fabrication. The company produces a broad selection of cuts, from semi-boneless and skinless shanks to various bone-in and boneless options. With a strong emphasis on food safety, consistency, and customer service, Northwood Foods upholds rigorous quality control standards and operates a production schedule 5 days a week to meet domestic and international demand.

In addition to its industry leadership, Northwood Foods is deeply committed to giving back to the Northwood community and the surrounding area. As a proud Purple Ribbon Partner of the Worth County Fair, the company plays a vital role in supporting this annual event. Their sponsorship helps ensure the fair remains a vibrant celebration of the area's farming heritage and community spirit. Northwood Foods is also a member of the Northwood Chamber of Commerce and supports national industry organizations, including the U.S. Meat Export Federation and the American Association of Meat Processors. In February, Northwood Foods celebrated its 27th anniversary.

I want to congratulate Brian Burkard and the entire team at Northwood Foods for their dedication and continued leadership in the pork processing industry, alongside their long-standing commitment to quality, innovation, and community support. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

## RECOGNIZING THE DENISON MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

• Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, today I would like to offer my congratulations to the Denison Men's Swimming and Diving Team on capturing their sixth National Championship. This incredible accomplishment reflects the tradition of excellence that has become synonymous with the Denison swim program. Led by Coach Gregg Parini, a pillar of Denison's athletic community for decades, the team upholds a standard of sportsmanship and discipline that sets them apart on the national stage. Their success this season was defined not only by dominant performances and individual accolades, but also by a strong sense of camaraderie and accountability. This championship adds to a rich legacy and points toward even greater accomplishments in the years ahead.●

## RECOGNIZING THE DENISON MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

• Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, today I would like to congratulate the Denison Men's Tennis Team on winning their first-ever National Championship. This remarkable achievement represents a historic milestone for the program and reflects the dedication, hard work, and determination of the players, coaches, and staff. Throughout the season, the team exemplified the values of perseverance, sportsmanship, and unity—qualities that reflect the broader Denison community. Their journey to the national title was not only a display of athletic excellence, but also a testament to the culture of integrity and resilience that has been built within the program over many years. I am proud to recognize this achievement and look forward to seeing what the future holds for this outstanding team.●

## RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

• Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the legacy and mission of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, as they celebrate 100 years of fellowship and service to the greater Pontiac community.

The New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church was founded in Pontiac, MI, in 1925. Established with the mission of empowering its members and the wider community, since its earliest days, it has served as a beacon, bringing together its congregants, local leaders, and other key community stakeholders to strengthen the spiritual fabric and build the resilience of Pontiac. A century later, its mark on the greater Pontiac area is indelible and most acutely felt in the countless residents whose lives have been lifted up by its endeavors.

In 1992, the church opened the New Bethel Outreach Shelter, providing a safe, welcoming environment to vul-

nerable women and children. Since its opening, the shelter has stood as a barrier against housing insecurity for thousands in the Pontiac area. The church has also worked to combat food insecurity, establishing a food pantry in 1985 that serves low-income families within the greater Pontiac area. And this year, the church intends to continue its social ministry by opening a community garden for the benefit of its congregation and the wider public.

New Bethel's own Rev. Keyon Payton established the Institute for Trauma and Economic Justice, a nonprofit which aims "to create a supply and demand economy of positive experiences" by combating cycles of trauma in the underserved communities. His example has since inspired other churches across Michigan to institute similar initiatives.

While serving the Pontiac community, New Bethel has also continued its spiritual mission to spread the gospel across generations and has focused on bringing young people of faith into its congregation. Every summer, the church's Camp Hosanna provides a welcoming space for elementary school-aged children to learn and grow, offering a forum where they can pursue their spiritual growth and academic excellence in tandem. New Bethel is also investing in Pontiac's future through the creation of an education scholarship fund. These efforts are making education more accessible to future generations, which is the key to our community's enduring prosperity.

The impact of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on the Pontiac community and Oakland County as a whole is immeasurable and readily apparent in the lives of those who have benefited from both the fellowship of its congregation and the breadth of its charitable works. Throughout its century-long history, the leadership and congregation of New Bethel have demonstrated their faith through compassion, stewardship, and grace which has strengthened the fabric of our community. I ask you to join me in recognizing the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate their centennial anniversary.●

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)