

when somebody is coming before you having a very bad day.

He heard cases related to unpaid parking tickets and traffic violations, and he listened to everyone who came before him.

His authenticity quickly captured the hearts and minds of Rhode Islanders. His TV show from the courtroom, "Caught in Providence," first became a treasure of Rhode Island Public Access TV, but then it exploded. Judge Caprio and his court officer and straight man Ziggy Quinn turned the tedium of traffic court into a beloved and enduring human spectacle, and people from around the world tuned in. People told Judge Caprio their stories of personal hardship, and he listened. Whenever he could, he gave the benefit of the doubt and offered advice and encouragement, delivered in that signature Federal Hill voice.

Sometimes there were tears of relief. Sometimes there was laughter. Some of those moments went viral online, racking up more than a billion views. People were attracted to Judge Caprio because he did not fake authenticity. He was the real deal.

The show became nationally syndicated in 2018. And when that syndication deal was announced, Judge Caprio called it "a dream." It was wonderful that he could have his dream come true in his lifetime.

So the world got to witness Judge Caprio's compassion. The empathetic judge from Rhode Island became an ambassador for our capital city and for our State and for his solid, old-school values. He did it his way. And we all got to enjoy it.

At the end, stricken with pancreatic cancer, he was still giving back and still being compassionate. At the last PurpleStride pancreatic cancer walk that he attended, he and I sat next to each other for 15 minutes chatting and catching up. He was, by then, quite the celebrity. He could have hustled in and hustled back out, gone to do other things. No. He wanted to just hang out with people and be there and make sure that the entire proceedings went off well. He did not treat himself as a star, but he was one.

Judge Caprio's son David said that the Judge's parting advice to him was this:

Take care of each other. Keep the family close. And help people if you can.

That sums it up nicely.

I offer my condolences to his wife Joyce of more than 60 years and to their five children: David, who also served in government in Rhode Island; Marissa; Frank, who also served in government in Rhode Island, was our treasurer; Paul; and John. Quite a family. It has lost its patriarch. Our hearts are with them.

I yield the floor.

Mr. REED. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

MORNING BUSINESS

Ms. LUMMIS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate 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 DANIEL J. HOUSTON

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, on this very day, an outstanding civic and business leader in my home State and our capital city of Des Moines, will conclude an impressive 41-year career with the Principal Financial Group. Today, Dan Houston will step down as chair of the Principal Board of Directors.

As many Iowans do throughout their careers, Dan rose through the company ranks by climbing the corporate ladder with hard work, grit, and sacrifice. He showed exemplary leadership skills and thrived in a competitive environment to build a culture of opportunity and servant leadership at Principal Financial Group.

During my first term in the U.S. Senate, Dan joined Principal in 1984 as part of the sales team after graduating from Iowa State University. Through the years, he took on key leadership roles, including president, CCO, and CEO. For the past decade, Dan served as the driving force to steer Principal through extraordinary times. At the helm, Dan navigated one of the largest acquisitions in company history, a global pandemic, and a new enterprise strategy, just to name a few.

A principled leader, Dan cultivated a successful climate by planting the seeds of success for team members on every rung of the ladder. With charisma and generosity, he inspired the company's rank-and-file and management teams to manage assets, innovate, and build tools to help people achieve retirement security.

In addition to an impressive professional career in global finance and asset management, Dan shared his visionary leadership skills to give back to the greater Des Moines area, including Principal's philanthropic contributions to United Way, the annual Principal Charity Classic, and of course, the scenic Principal Riverwalk that transformed downtown Des Moines with a series of parks and public-use areas along the banks of the Des Moines River.

When I served as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, I was glad to lead Iowa's congressional delegation to help support this infrastructure project that links the east and west sides of our State capital in the heart of downtown Des Moines. Thanks to a

public-private alliance and gifts from the Principal Foundation, generations of Iowans and outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy its landscaped public spaces, world class public art, pedestrian bridges, and pathways that connect downtown with 300 miles of central Iowa trails.

Although Dan is hanging up his CEO hat, Iowans will continue to reap the benefit from the bounty that his servant leadership brings to the community. I have no doubt Dan and his wife Joanie will throw their civic stewardship into high gear to support causes closest to their hearts—including Joanie's work with hospice and ChildServe—and Dan's contributions to the ICON Water Trails, Legacy Woods, the Principal Charity Classic, Iowa State University's Ivy College of Business, and Future Ready Iowa Alliance, among others.

Barbara and I wish Dan and Joanie many years of happiness in retirement. Dan spent his entire professional career helping people reach retirement security. Now, it is time for you to enjoy the fruits of your labor. May this next chapter bring even more quality family time with your children and grandchildren. Congratulations, Dan, you have left the Principal Group, and your adopted hometown of Des Moines, even better than you found it.

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)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 25-41, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$97.3 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public

of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MARY BETH MORGAN

(For Michael F. Miller, Director).

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-41

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 Australia.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$49.0 million.

Other \$48.3 million.

Total \$97.3 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case AT-B-UMF was below the congressional notification threshold at \$6.3 million (\$0 in MDE) and included Javelin Life Cycle Support (LCS) and U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance. The Government of Australia has requested that the case be amended to include one hundred sixty-one (161) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU). This amendment will cause the case to exceed the notification threshold, and thus notification of the entire program is required. The above notification requirements are combined as follows:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

One hundred sixty-one (161) Javelin Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU).

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will also be included: Javelin LwCLU Basic Skills Trainer; missile simulation rounds and battery coolant unit; electronic technical manual and operator manuals; life cycle support; physical security inspection; spare parts; System Integration and Check Out; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, engineering, logistics, and personnel services; tool kits; training; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (AT-B-UMF).

(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: August 19, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia—Javelin Lightweight Command Launch Unit

The Government of Australia has requested to buy one hundred sixty-one (161) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU) that will be added to a previously implemented case whose value was under the congressional notification threshold. The original Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case, valued at \$6.3 million (\$0 in Major Defense Equipment (MDE)), included Javelin Life Cycle Support (LCS) and U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance. This notification is for one hundred sixty-one (161) Lightweight Command Launch Units (LwCLU). The following non-MDE items will also be included: Javelin LwCLU Basic Skills Trainer; missile simulation rounds and battery coolant unit; electronic technical manual and operator manuals; life cycle support; physical security inspection; spare parts; System Integration and Check Out; U.S. Government and contractor technical assistance, engineering, logistics, and personnel services; tool kits; training; and other re-

lated elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$97.3 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the Western Pacific. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

The proposed sale will enhance Australia's capability to meet current and future threats by improving its advanced surface-fired munitions capabilities and increasing its capability to deter adversaries. This enhanced capability will protect Australia and local allied land forces and will significantly improve Australia's contribution to coalition anti-armor capability. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be the Javelin Joint Venture between RTX Corporation, located in Arlington, VA; and Lockheed Martin, located in Orlando, FL. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware of any offset agreement proposed in connection with this potential sale. Any offset agreement will be defined in negotiations between the purchaser and the contractor.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Australia.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Javelin Weapon System is a medium-range, man portable, shoulder-launched, fire and forget anti-tank system. It may also be mounted on a variety of platforms including vehicles, aircraft, and watercraft. The system weighs ~43.5 pounds and has a maximum range in excess of 4,500 meters. The system is lethal against tanks and other systems with conventional and reactive armors. The system possesses a secondary capability against bunkers.

2. Javelin's key technical feature is the use of fire and forget technology which allows the gunner to fire and immediately relocate or take cover. Additional special features are the top attack and direct fire modes, an advanced tandem warhead and imaging infrared seeker, target lock-on before launch, and soft launch from enclosures or covered fighting positions. The Javelin missile also has a minimum smoke motor thus decreasing its likelihood of being detected on the battlefield.

3. The Javelin Weapon System is comprised of two major tactical components, a reusable Lightweight Command Launch Unit (LwCLU) and a round contained in a disposable launch tube assembly. The LwCLU incorporates an integrated day-night sight that provides target engagement capability in adverse weather and countermeasure environments. The LwCLU may also be used in a stand-alone mode for battlefield surveillance and target detection. The LwCLU's thermal sight is a 3rd generation forward-looking infrared sensor. To facilitate initial loading and subsequent updating of software, all on-

board missile software is uploaded via the LwCLU after mating and prior to launch.

4. The missile is autonomously guided to the target using an imaging infrared seeker and adaptive correlation tracking algorithms. This allows the gunner to take cover or reload and engage another target after firing a missile. The missile has an advanced tandem warhead and can be used in either the top attack or direct fire modes (for target undercover). An onboard flight computer guides the missile to the selected target.

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

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

7. A determination has been made that Australia can provide 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.

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

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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. 25-50, concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$404 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MARY BETH MORGAN

(For Michael F. Miller, Director).

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