

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 improving the security of a key NATO Ally that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

The KGV-135 A embedded COMSEC device is a high-speed general purpose encryptor and decryptor module used for wideband data encryption.

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

(VII) Date Report Delivered to Congress: September 10, 2025.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. President, I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 451, Motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 95 Joseph Kent, of Washington, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 452, Confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 95, Joseph Kent, of Washington, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 454, On the Motion to Discharge, Motion to Discharge S.J. Res. 41. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 455, On the Motion to Discharge, Motion to Discharge S.J. Res. 34. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 457, On the Cloture Motion, Motion to Invoke Cloture: Matthew Kozma to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 458, On the Motion to Invoke Cloture, Cheryl Mason to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 461, On the Nomination, Confirmation: Cheryl Mason, of North Carolina, to be Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 463, On the Nomination, Confirmation: Matthew Kozma, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 471, On the Cloture Motion, Motion to Invoke Cloture: Luigi Rinaldi to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay. I missed the following votes,

but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 482, On the Nomination, Confirmation: Luigi Rinaldi, of New York, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 485, On the Cloture Motion, Motion to Invoke Cloture: Andrew Puzder to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union with the rank of Ambassador. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 486, On the Nomination, Confirmation: Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union with the rank of Ambassador. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 487, On the Cloture Motion, Motion to Invoke Cloture: Brian Burch to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Holy See. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 488, On the Nomination, Confirmation: Brian Burch, of Illinois, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Holy See. I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 496, On the Nomination, Confirmation: John Arrigo, of Florida, to be Ambassador of the United States of America to the Portuguese Republic.

WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge the visit of Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople to Washington, DC.

The Patriarch is the spiritual leader of 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, including many of my constituents who worship at churches like the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Baltimore and Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church here in Washington.

Over the course of decades of service and leadership, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has refused to let storms of persecution and violence extinguish the light of his faith and the values he holds dear. From his unique position in Istanbul—the ancient city that bridges Europe and Asia—he has been one of our world's greatest bridge-builders. He promotes religious tolerance, from reconciliation with the Roman Catholic Church to interfaith dialogue among Muslims, Christians, and Jews, and peace between nations. He is also rightly known as the “Green Patriarch” for his pioneering work to protect our environment, the common home we share.

This Sunday, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew arrives in our region to accept the prestigious Templeton Prize for his spiritual leadership, joining the ranks of past prizewinners like

Mother Teresa and the Dalai Llama, and we are glad to have him here. In these dangerous, divisive times—when religious liberty and human rights are under threat around the globe—his presence could not be more timely.

When Congress awarded the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew the Congressional Gold Medal in 1997, he delivered an address that still resonates today. He reminded us that “The greatest lesson about America lies under this magnificent dome . . . The Pentagon embodies might, but the Capitol embodies right. In these halls, different points of view meet and are reconciled. In these halls, narrow interests are compromised for the greater good. And, most important to the Orthodox Church during many dark decades, in these halls, human rights are preserved and human dignity is enhanced.”

We must remember those words and his unwavering commitment to peace today. I congratulate the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for the recognition and welcome him to the United States.

WELCOMING ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. President, I rise today to welcome to Washington, DC, next week His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christianity.

His All-Holiness is a guiding light for the 300 million Orthodox Christians, including many thousands across California, from San Diego to Eureka. More than that, since ascending to his position in 1991, he has reached beyond Orthodox Christianity to be an inspiration to people of all faiths around the world suffering from religious persecution, violence, and displacement.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew has fostered dialogue across the world and across religions with Christians, Muslims, and Jews. On today of all days, I note his efforts to combat international terrorism, helping lead the effort to the Brussels Declaration in December 2001 calling on leaders of all religions to condemn violence and forswear the use of religious justification for terrorism and mistreatment.

His All-Holiness is also a true champion of peace, tolerance, and defense of the environment. His coming to Washington will highlight the role that religious leaders play in pursuit of these goals and remind us to be stewards of all people and the planet before pursuing partisan and personal ends.

I congratulate His All-Holiness on the well-deserved and highly impressive honor of being awarded the 2025 Templeton Prize, which recognizes spiritual and scientific advancement. The award puts him in the company of Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama, King Abdullah, Jane Goodall, and Francis Collins—men and women from all walks of life who have made contributions to understanding the universe and humanity's place within it.

In awarding the prize, the Templeton Foundation noted Bartholomew's dedication to environmental causes, for which he has earned the nickname of the "Green Patriarch." The foundation said his environmental ministry is "harnessing the power of the sciences to expand our collective understanding of humankind's place and purpose in the world" and that "Bartholomew has also deepened Christians' ideas of what it means to be faithful in the world today. It involves caring for all aspects of God's creation including the people around us and the natural world in which we live."

I join American Orthodox Christians, environmentalists, and peacemakers in welcoming back to Washington and the United States His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew. Congress will be honored to once again host him in our Halls next week.

I urge my colleagues to listen to his message of peace, environmental stewardship, and the importance of bridging the divides between religions, nations, and all groups who spend more time on the things that divide us than those that should bring us together. We will gain from his return if we have the wisdom to listen.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WISCONSIN REGIONAL TRAINING PARTNERSHIP BUILDING INDUSTRY GROUP SKILLED TRADE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the 50th anniversary of Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership, W RTP, Building Industry Group Skilled Trade Employment Program's, BIG STEP. I am delighted to celebrate this impactful organization's 50 years of service to the State of Wisconsin.

Founded in 1975, W RTP BIG STEP was determined to improve the labor force through its efforts in reshaping apprenticeships. The organization envisioned an environment that intertwined diversity, resilience, and creativity to produce an incredible generation of workers. Soon, their vision became a reality as W RTP BIG STEP developed pre-apprenticeship programs and advanced training courses that increased the number of minority workers, ensuring everyone has a pathway to a quality career in the trades.

Over the last 50 years, BIG STEP has been essential to creating Milwaukee landmarks, from our skyscrapers to our sports complexes. After helping tens of thousands of people take their first steps into the trades, BIG STEP has served Wisconsin's workforce by building courage, innovation, and equity.

Today, W RTP BIG STEP creates pre-apprenticeship programs and provides access to specialized training, consistent sponsorship, and support for its clients with targeted curricula for direct career pathways. In addition, W RTP BIG STEP helps industry employers and labor organizations create

career pathways through intercultural workforce learning, the development of a skilled talent pipeline, and through working groups that identify and reduce barriers in real time. As just one example of their work, W RTP BIG STEP recently welcomed 180 high school students to their Milwaukee Summer Trades Academy, introducing them to careers in construction and teaching them about skilled trade jobs and apprenticeship pathways, so they could consider a future career in the skilled trades.

We in Wisconsin are so grateful to W RTP BIG STEP for helping to uplift our workforce and create the next generation of leaders. I am honored to recognize the 50th anniversary of W RTP BIG STEP and look forward to its continued success in Wisconsin for years to come.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL OF ALBERTUS MAGNUS COLLEGE

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today to commemorate the centennial celebration of Albertus Magnus College and honor the hard work and dedication of its many faculty and other staff.

Albertus Magnus College was founded in 1925 by the Dominican Sisters of Peace in the Prospect Hill neighborhood of New Haven, CT. Originally a women's college, the institution became coeducational in 1985. During this time, a series of construction projects significantly expanded the campus, including new classroom space and a new athletic center. In 1992 Albertus Magnus began offering its first graduate program, a master of arts in liberal studies.

The college provides a holistic, liberal arts-based education that promotes both the attainment and practical application of knowledge. It is dedicated to providing learning opportunities that respond to the diverse needs of its students and the ethical challenges of society, cultivating an atmosphere of mutual respect and moral behavior. The college places great emphasis on lifelong learning, individual student development, and the advancement of moral and ethical leadership.

Albertus Magnus has approximately 500 full-time traditional undergraduates and 1,000 adult undergraduate and graduate students. The college has significantly advanced the cause of educational equity and diversity; 5 in 10 of its undergraduates are first-generation college students, and over 9 in 10 are eligible for financial aid. The institution currently offers over 50 undergraduate majors, 12 master's degree programs, and 3 postgraduate certifications.

Throughout its existence, Albertus Magnus College has promoted intellectual excellence, cultivated a tight-knit community, encouraged service for the

common good, and advocated for the development of each student as a unique individual. The college's track record and commitment to its ideals is inspiring and sets a strong example for all educational institutions.

Albertus Magnus remains a fixture of the New Haven community with the positive impacts of its educational experience extending worldwide. I hope my colleagues will join me in commemorating its centennial celebration and recognizing the invaluable work of its faculty and other staff.●

RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLORIDA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

• Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge Florida Christian University on its most recent anniversary. For 40 years, Florida Christian University has served the citizens of Florida and the world by providing students with a world-class education and acting as a pillar of strength and perseverance for Florida students.

I know firsthand that a great education can be life-changing—it serves as the foundation many students need to reach their goals and live their American dream—and it is incredible to see people from all over the globe pursue their dreams in our State.

Florida Christian University plays a vital role in this laudable pursuit by empowering students of faith to pursue higher education and a career with excellence and integrity while remaining rooted in their religious principles. FCU focuses on the whole of the student, fostering a community that ensures the growth and support of its students' academic goals as well as their spiritual well-being.

I commend the hard work and dedication of FCU president Bruno Portigliatti and all those at FCU who have committed their time and energy to providing students with a world-class education over the last 40 years. Thank you for guiding your community and our State in prayer and education. May this milestone anniversary be followed by many more as FCU continues its great success.●

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TVA WILSON DAM

• Mr. TUBERVILLE. Mr. President, I rise today to acknowledge a special anniversary in Alabama. One hundred years ago, Wilson Dam began commercial operations. Part of the Tennessee Valley Authority's network of hydroelectric dams, Wilson Dam supports TVA's mission of providing low-cost, reliable power and flood control and navigation of the Tennessee River.

Located in Florence, AL, Wilson Dam has 21 generating units, capable of producing up to 663 megawatts of electricity and powering more than 350,000 homes and businesses in north Alabama.