

The highest level of information that may be transferred in support of this proposed sale is classified SECRET.

If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

(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: October 1, 2025.

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

## MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

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

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1931. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13664 with respect to South Sudan; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1932. A communication from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions and Revisions to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AK26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 30, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1933. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the situation in and in relation to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13894 of October 14, 2019; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. MURKOWSKI, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, without amendment:

S. 105. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-71).

H.R. 165. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 119-72).

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida):

S. 2967. A bill to address the management by certain Federal land management agencies over Federal land along the southern border and northern border, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 2918

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. WICKER) and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET) were added as cosponsors of S. 2918, a bill to amend the Rebuilding Economic Prosperity and Opportunity for Ukrainians Act to improve the implementation of the seizure of Russian sovereign assets for the benefit of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

S. 2965

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2965, a bill to prohibit the use of the Exchange Stabilization Fund of the Department of the Treasury to bail out Argentina's financial markets.

## AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3922. Mr. HEINRICH submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3748 proposed by Mr. WICKER (for himself and Mr. REED) to the bill S. 2296, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

## TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

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At the appropriate place in title I, insert the following:

## SEC. 1. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR ULTRA-HIGH-PURITY NUCLEAR-GRADE GRAPHITE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Executive Order 13953 (30 U.S.C. 1601 note) of President Donald J. Trump determined that—

(A) "our Nation's undue reliance on critical minerals, in processed or unprocessed form, from foreign adversaries constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat" that is a "national emergency";

(B) "the United States is 100 percent reliant on imports for graphite"; and

(C) "China produces . . . almost all of the world's . . . high-purity graphite".

(2) There are no domestic or allied sources of ultra-high-purity nuclear-grade graphite.

(b) AUTHORITY FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT.—Subject to section 3501 of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense shall enter into one or more multiyear contracts for the procurement of 1,500 metric tonnes of ultra-high-purity nuclear-grade graphite per year over the covered period, from the sole known source of such graphite in North America, in the amount of \$60,000,000 per year.

(c) AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall enter into one or more contracts, beginning in fiscal year 2026, for advance procurement associated with ultra-high-purity nuclear-grade graphite for which authorization to enter into a multiyear procurement contract is provided under subsection (b), in economic order quantities consistent with this section.

(d) CONDITION FOR OUT-YEAR CONTRACT PAYMENTS.—A contract entered into under subsection (b) shall provide that any obligation of the United States to make a payment under the contract for a fiscal year after fiscal year 2026 is subject to the availability of appropriations or funds for that purpose for such later fiscal year.

(e) FUNDING.—The amount authorized to be appropriated by this Act for purchases of strategic and critical materials under the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.) is hereby increased by \$60,000,000, with the amount of the increase to be used for the procurement of 1,500 metric tonnes of ultra-high-purity nuclear-grade graphite.

(f) COVERED PERIOD DEFINED.—In this section, the term "covered period" means the period—

(1) beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) ending on the date that is, at minimum, 17 years after such date of enactment, and, at maximum, 50 years after such date of enactment.

## ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 3; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and notwithstanding rule XXII, the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of S. Res. 412, postcloture, and that all postcloture time be expired at 1:30 p.m.

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

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, for the information of my colleagues, Senators should expect a series of votes at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11:30 A.M.  
TOMORROW

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 2:11 p.m., adjourned until Friday, October 3, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

DANIEL BONHAM, OF OREGON, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR, VICE ELIZABETH SCHOFF WATSON, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MARK DITLEVSON, OF MINNESOTA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE MELISSA GRIFFIN DALTON, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

PAUL FERGUSON, OF WEST VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF

WEST VIRGINIA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE J.C. RAFFETY, TERM EXPIRED.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

WILLIAM HEWES III, OF MISSISSIPPI, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 26, 2031, VICE DOUGLAS DZIAK, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

BENJAMIN LANDA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO HUNGARY.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ARVIND RAMAN, OF INDIANA, TO BE UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY, VICE LAURIE E. LOCASCIO, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ROBERT ROTTER, OF IOWA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DOUGLAS J. STRIKE, TERM EXPIRED.

DANIEL SATTERLEE, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE DANIEL C. MOSTELLER, TERM EXPIRED.

DAVID ST. PIERRE, OF MAINE, TO BE UNITED STATES MARSHAL FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE FOR THE TERM OF FOUR YEARS, VICE THEODOR G. SHORT, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JENNIFER WICKS MCNAMARA, OF VIRGINIA, A CAREER MEMBER OF THE SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE, CLASS OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be major*

DUSTIN L. CROWE

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be major*

JAMES B. CARPENTER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be major*

GARY R. CHAPMAN

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

*To be captain*

PETER G. SEGUIN

WITHDRAWAL

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on October 2, 2025 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

MARK BRNOVICH, OF ARIZONA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON APRIL 29, 2025.