

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The motion is entered.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and the provisions of S. Res. 412 (119th Congress), do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Executive Calendar Nos. 62, 86, 92, 126, 127, 128, 143, 155, 158, 159, 160, 163, 164, 168, 169, 170, 178, 181, 196, 252, 253, 255, 256, 265, 268, 270, 272, 284, 299, 300, 304, 306, 307, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 323, 341, 342, 345, 347, 348, 349, 355, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 363, 364, 367, 368, 369, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 423, 424, 426, 427, 428, en bloc.

John Thune, John R. Curtis, Tom Cotton, Chuck Grassley, Bernie Moreno, Marsha Blackburn, Mike Rounds, Eric Schmitt, Tommy Tuberville, Todd Young, James Lankford, Roger F. Wicker, Rick Scott of Florida, Jim Justice, John Barrasso, Mike Crapo, Cindy Hyde-Smith.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the en bloc nominations provided for under the provisions of S. Res. 412 shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. CURTIS), the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. KENNEDY), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 546 Ex.]

YEAS—50

Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Mullin
Blackburn	Hagerty	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Husted	Risch
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Sheehy
Cramer	Lummis	Sullivan
Crapo	Marshall	Thune
Cruz	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	McCormick	Wicker
Ernst	Moody	Young
Fischer	Moran	

NAYS—45

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Reed
Baldwin	Hirono	Rosen
Bennet	Kaine	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schumer
Booker	King	Shaheen
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Coons	Lujan	Smith
Cortez Masto	Markey	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Merkley	Warner
Durbin	Murphy	Warnock
Fetterman	Murray	Warren
Gallego	Ossoff	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden

NOT VOTING—5

Curtis	Kennedy	Tillis
Heinrich	Schatz	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 45. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Cloture having been invoked, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 412, the nominations listed therein are pending en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to legislative session for 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. 25-11. 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 22-63 of November 8, 2022.

Sincerely,

MARY BETH MORGAN
(For Michael F. Miller, Director).

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-11

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Belgium.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 22-63; Date: November 8, 2022; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On November 8, 2022, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 22-63 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of the Government of Belgium's request to buy one hundred twenty (120) AIM-120C-8 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM); and ten (10) AMRAAM C-8 Guidance Sections. Also included were spare AIM-120 control sections and containers; AIM-120C Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM); other spare parts, consumables, accessories, and repair/return support; classified software; books, technical documentation, and other publications; training and training equipment; munitions support and support equipment; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost was \$380 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$358 million of this total.

On March 3, 2025, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 25-0D of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of the addition of the following MDE items: one hundred fifty-nine (159) AIM-120D-3 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM); one (1) AMRAAM D-3 guidance section; and one AIM-120D Integrated Test Vehicle. The following non-MDE items were also included: weapon system support to include software, and KGV-135A COMSEC chips. The total cost of the new MDE articles was \$479 million, and the total cost of the new non-MDE items articles was \$30 million. The total notified cost of MDE increased to \$837 million, and the total notified case value increased to \$889 million.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: up to nine hundred ninety-seven (997) AIM-120D-3 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAMs) and up to one hundred nineteen (119) AMRAAM D-3 guidance sections. The following non-MDE items will be included: AMRAAM support equipment and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost of the new items is \$3.131 billion. The estimated MDE value will increase by \$2.853 billion to a revised \$3.69 billion. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$0.278 billion to a revised \$0.33 billion. The estimated total case value will increase by \$3.131 billion to a revised \$4.02 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification is provided as 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 improving the security of a NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic

progress in Europe. The proposed sale will improve Belgium's capability to meet current and future threats by maintaining its F-16 and F-35 fleets in combat-ready status and providing a credible deterrent to regional threats.

(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: October 3, 2025.

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. 25-0M. 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 24-60 of September 24, 2024.

Sincerely,

MARY BETH MORGAN
(for Michael F. Miller, Director).

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-0M

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Iraq.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No: 24-60; Date: September 24, 2024; Military Department: Navy.

Funding Source: Foreign Military Financing.

(iii) Description: On September 24, 2024, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 24-60 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of the follow-on technical support (FOTS) for Iraq's vessel maintenance and repair (VMR) program, which may include ship repair; maintenance; sustainment; support services; repair; upgrades; overhaul services; associated labor

and support; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services of off-shore vessels, patrol boats and defenders of U.S. origin; fuel for quarterly trilateral exercises; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost was \$65 million. There was no Major Defense Equipment (MDE) associated with this sale.

This transmittal notifies the addition of the following non-MDE items: continued follow-on technical support (FOTS) for Iraq's vessel maintenance and repair program, including off-shore vessels, patrol boats, and defenders; all shore ship repair, maintenance, sustainment, support services, repairs, upgrades, overhaul services, associated labor, and support for vessels of U.S. origin in the Iraq Navy fleet; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost of the new non-MDE items is \$135 million. The estimated non-MDE and total case values will increase by \$135 million to a revised \$200 million. There is no MDE associated with this potential sale.

(iv) Significance: The proposed sale will improve Iraq's ability to meet current and future threats by enhancing the strength of its homeland defense.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a strategic partner.

(vi) Date Report Delivered to Congress: October 3, 2025.

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

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, in 1925, business and government leaders from throughout New England came together in Poland Springs, ME, to develop a strategy to reverse the decline in our traditional industries and our communities. Today, we celebrate a century of accomplishments by the New England Council to foster prosperity and opportunity.

When Captain John Smith explored our rugged coast more than 400 years ago, he wrote in his journal that settling this untamed region would take, "the best parts of art, judgment, courage, honesty, constancy, diligence, and industry." I know of no better description of the spirit that guides the New England Council. Congratulations and happy birthday.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the New England Council, which was founded in September 1925 when the six Governors of New England gathered with business leaders in Poland Spring, ME, to better collaborate across our region's shared and intimately intertwined economic interests. Shortly after, the New England Council was founded as a nonpartisan and non-profit entity to facilitate this work. For 100 years now, the council has been an indispensable partner advocating for the New England region.

The New England States—our economies, culture, and interests—have been

interconnected since before the founding of our Nation. While we may have much in common, our States are often considered the most "independent-minded" states. At one time, this tendency may have predisposed our States to chart our own paths forward and work fervently to protect our individual interests. Indeed, this history of self-governance and independence led directly to the events that founded the United States and laid the foundation for the principles of the Nation that we cherish. Now, and for the past 100 years, the New England Council has helped carry our region's independent spirit forward by bringing our States' interests together and helping ensure that New England is heard on the ever-changing national stage.

To be sure, the New England Council's ability to be a convener of political leaders—on both sides of the aisle—business leaders, nonprofits, and academic and health institutions sets the council apart from many of its peers. Its ability to do so comes from the council's reputation as a non-partisan, fact-driven organization that represents many diverse viewpoints embedded across our staunchly independent States. That is to say: when the Council speaks as one, we know the issue reflects consensus and is in service to its mission to promote New England's economic growth and safeguard a high quality of life for all New Englanders.

The council's mission becomes even greater in times of turbulence. Whether during shared national struggles, like World War II or the COVID-19 pandemic, or in times of sharp political debate, our region's shared economic interests become more pronounced. In these times, the council does more than bring people together and advocate for solutions; it amplifies the voice of a region. This ability again relies on its ironclad nonpartisan reputation. Because it is so well regarded, the council can ensure that all New Englanders, even those who may not be politically well connected, can be heard by their representatives and the Federal Government. That means that when the national environment is loud, when there are many different stakeholders making their perspectives clear, the New England Council can definitively speak in one voice to ensure that our region's priorities break through the noise.

On behalf of Rhode Island, I want to congratulate the New England Council, president and CEO Jim Brett, the entire board of directors, and all its members on a well-earned centennial. From working to address our region's housing shortage and infrastructure challenges to advocating for reliable and affordable energy, thank you for a century of working to advance Rhode Island's and New England's economic interests.