

accompanied by instructions from the Committee regulating their use.

VIII. SUBCOMMITTEES

1. Establishment. The Committee will operate as a Committee of the Whole, reserving to itself the right to establish temporary subcommittees at any time by majority vote. The Chairman of the full Committee and the Ranking Minority Member shall be ex officio Members of all subcommittees.

2. Jurisdiction. Within its jurisdiction as described in the Standing Rules of the Senate, each subcommittee is authorized to conduct investigations, including use of subpoenas, depositions, and commissions.

3. Rules. A subcommittee shall be governed by the Committee rules, except that its quorum for all business shall be one-third of the subcommittee Membership, and for hearings shall be one Member.

IX. REPORTS

1. Committee reports incorporating Committee findings and recommendations shall be printed only with the prior approval of a majority of the Committee, after an adequate period for review and comment. The printing, as Committee documents, of materials prepared by staff for informational purposes, or the printing of materials not originating with the Committee or staff, shall require prior consultation with the minority staff; these publications shall have the following language printed on the cover of the document: "Note: This document has been printed for informational purposes. It does not represent either findings or recommendations formally adopted by the Committee."

X. AMENDMENT OF RULES

1. The rules of the Committee may be amended or revised at any time, provided that not less than a majority of the Committee present so determine at a Committee meeting preceded by at least 3 days notice of the amendments or revisions proposed or via polling, subject to Rule V (4).

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATIONS

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. 24-113, concerning the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Kuwait for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$1 billion. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-113

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 Kuwait.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$0.
Other \$1.0 billion.
Total \$1.0 billion.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: The Government of Kuwait has requested to buy services to support the procurement of maritime and land facilities at the Mohammed Al Ahmed Naval Base, other affiliated locations, the Ras Al Ard Naval Base for Onshore Logistics and an alternate logistics station in Kuwait, as well as construction of a headquarters complex.

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will be included: life cycle design; construction; project management; engineering studies; engineering services; technical support; facility and infrastructure assessments; surveys; planning; programming; design; acquisition; contract administration; construction management; logistics; other technical services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (KU-B-HBP, KU-B-HBR).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: KU-B-HAZ.

(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: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: February 6, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Kuwait—Design and Construction Services

The Government of Kuwait has requested to buy services to support the procurement of maritime and land facilities at the Mohammed Al Ahmed Naval Base, other affiliated locations, the Ras Al Ard Naval Base for Onshore Logistics and an alternate logistics station in Kuwait, as well as construction of a headquarters complex. The following non-MDE items will be included: life cycle design; construction; project management; engineering studies; engineering services; technical support; facility and infrastructure assessments; surveys; planning; programming; design; acquisition; contract administration; construction management; logistics; other technical services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$1.0 billion.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the infrastructure of a major non-NATO ally that has been an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

The proposed sale will improve Kuwait's capability to meet current and future threats by providing onshore logistic support. Kuwait will have no difficulty absorbing this construction and associated 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 contractor(s) will be determined from approved vendors, likely by competitive acquisitions. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of up to twenty (20) U.S. Government or U.S. contractor representatives to Kuwait for a duration of up to twelve (12) years to provide construction management and oversight.

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

REMEMBERING ANDREA QUAID

Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I speak in honor of Andrea Quaid and reflect on her outsized impact in my office and across the State of Maine. Andrea passed away the morning of January 31, 2025. She was an exemplary model for living passionately and in the pursuit of making a difference in the lives of others. Andrea was a graduate of Dartmouth College—part of the first class that included women—and she was immensely proud to be part of that trailblazing path for other young women to follow. Her zest for life and for new and interesting things fueled her as she worked in several States and abroad—specifically in Paris—for a number of years before she made her way to Maine, where she found herself at home.

In Maine, she forged her lifelong career with a decades-long commitment to public service, which began when she first worked as a legislative aide in the Maine State House; this role partly overlapped my terms of service as Maine's Governor. Andrea later worked as a trusted district representative for then-Congressman Mike Michaud, who served as Maine's Representative in the 2nd Congressional District for over a decade. To say that Andrea came to my office fully prepared to navigate issues of concern for Maine constituents would be an understatement; she didn't hit the ground running, it was more a sprinter's pace. In this role, Andrea exemplified what it means to be a dedicated public servant. In fact, as Andrea received care in her final days of being with us, she continued to think of others by referring other patients and hospital staff to her colleagues in my office for casework support. Andrea truly embodied selfless service—and did so through the final hours we were all fortunate to have her in our lives.

Maine is often described as one big small town connected by long roads, and Andrea was well-known up and down our highways and byways for being heavily involved throughout the State for her volunteerism, friendship, and her ability to bring people together. In addition to her advocacy as

a caseworker in my Augusta office, Andrea also served as a board member for the Franco-American Collection at the University of Southern Maine Lewiston-Auburn campus. Andrea was also well-known for her passion for theater. Not only did Andrea participate in community theater as an actress in productions at the Lewiston-Auburn Community Little Theater, but she also shaped the direction of the Lewiston-Auburn Community Little Theater as a board member.

Andrea will be missed deeply and leaves behind her beloved brother, sister-in-law, niece, and nephew, as well as countless friends and colleagues. She will continue to live on through the many ways she touched the lives of everyone around her. I am certain that the community Andrea nurtured will reflect fondly on the laughter and memories we had the privilege to share with her. Until then, the State of Maine lost a proud daughter, and I join her friends, family, and fellow staff in grieving our loss.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:25 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 836. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an evaluation with respect to the use of the container aerial firefighting system (CAFFS), and for other purposes.

H.R. 837. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative site to Gila County, Arizona.

MEASURES REFERRED

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

H.R. 836. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an evaluation with respect to the use of the container aerial firefighting system (CAFFS), and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

H.R. 837. An act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 29. An act to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes.

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-314. A communication from the Acting President and Chair, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to

law, three (3) reports relative to vacancies in the Export-Import Bank of the United States, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-315. A communication from the Regulations Specialist, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2025 Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustments" (RIN1012-AA37) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 31, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-316. A communication from the Executive Assistant, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Visitor Experience Improvements Authority Contracts" (RIN1024-AE47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2025; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-317. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "International Traffic in Arms Regulations: U.S. Munitions List Targeted Revisions" (RIN1400-AF42) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2025; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-318. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nonprescription Drug Product With an Additional Condition for Nonprescription Use" (RIN0910-AH62) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2025; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-319. A communication from the Acting Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Performance Report for fiscal year 2024; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. SCOTT, of Florida, from the Special Committee on Aging, without amendment:

S. Res. 62. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Special Committee on Aging.

By Mr. CRAPO, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. Res. 63. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. Res. 65. An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. BUDD (for himself and Mr. KAINE):

S. 439. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income gain from the sale of qualified real property interests acquired under the authority of the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) program administered by the Department of Defense pursuant to section 2684a of title 10, United States Code, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 440. A bill to repeal the District of Columbia Home Rule Act; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. SHEEHY (for himself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 441. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to develop a plan to reorganize Federal wildland fire response, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. CRUZ:

S. 442. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of the Air Force to operate a Technical Training Center of Excellence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. ROUNDS):

S. 443. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to allow Indian tribal governments to directly request fire management assistance declarations and grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 444. A bill to require the development of a workforce plan for the Federal Emergency Management Agency; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. WARREN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BOOKER, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 445. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the proper tax treatment of personal service income earned in pass-thru entities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida:

S. 446. A bill to prohibit Big Cypress National Preserve from being designated as wilderness or as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 447. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to implement a minimum work requirement for able-bodied adults enrolled in State Medicaid programs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 448. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the advanced manufacturing production credit to include distribution transformers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 449. A bill to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to expedite hazardous fuel or insect and disease risk reduction projects on certain National Forest System land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 450. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Homeland Security from procuring certain foreign-made batteries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. HOEVEN, and Mr. SHEEHY):

S. 451. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to eliminate an administrative fee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 452. A bill to require electronically prepared tax returns to include scannable code when submitted on paper, and to require the