

and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The Government of Singapore has requested the case be amended to include construction services at Ebbing Air National Guard Base and other related elements of logistics and program support. 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):

None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment:

Construction services at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, including studies and surveys; transportation support; U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Air Force (SN-D-GFU).

(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: None.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: October 31, 2025.

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

#### POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Singapore—Ebbing Air National Guard Base Construction Services

The Government of Singapore has requested to buy construction services at Ebbing Air National Guard Base and other related elements of logistics and program support 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 \$27 million (\$0 in MDE), included U.S. government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$353 million.

This proposed sale will enhance the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a strategic partner that is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Asia.

The proposed sale will improve Singapore's capability to maintain operational readiness and interoperability with U.S. and coalition forces. Singapore 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.

There are no principal contractors associated with this potential sale. 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 Singapore.

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

#### HONORING CAPTAIN WILLIBALD BIANCHI

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today to posthumously honor U.S.

Army Captain Willibald Charles Bianchi of New Ulm, MN, a true American patriot who courageously served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation.

On August 11, 2025, Captain Bianchi's remains were identified—more than 80 years after he died in service to our country.

Since the founding of our democracy, each person who has worn the uniform has left their mark on our Nation as they defended our freedom.

Captain Willibald Bianchi was no different. Born in New Ulm, MN, and raised on a poultry farm, Captain Bianchi, like many Minnesotans before him, initially aspired to follow in his father's footsteps and become a farmer. Instead, he went on to serve in World War II with the greatest generation.

In 1940, Captain Bianchi commissioned as an Army second lieutenant and was deployed to the Philippines, joining the conflict in the Pacific theater. In 1942, during his deployment, Captain Bianchi volunteered to help clear a series of Japanese machinegun nests and continued leading the attack even when wounded multiple times, his heroism earning him the Medal of Honor. While he was later captured and died aboard a Japanese prisoner of war ship, his recovery reflects our Nation's commitment to bringing our missing heroes home—no matter how much time has passed.

We can never serve any veteran in quite the same way they served us. Whether they served many decades ago or in our more recent conflicts, our obligation is to ensure they have the support and care they earned.

So today, I rise today to honor Captain Willibald Bianchi, an American hero.

#### RECOGNIZING THE VISIT OF ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. President, today I rise to recognize and welcome the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to Washington, DC.

Born Demetrios Arhondonis in 1940 on the island of Imvros, now known as Gökreada, Türkiye, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew was elected in October 1991 as the 270th Archbishop of the 2,000-year-old Orthodox Church. As Ecumenical Patriarch, he is the spiritual leader of Orthodox Christianity worldwide, with over 300 million adherents and a history tracing back to the early Christian communities of Roman antiquity.

Patriarch Bartholomew has been a strong advocate for religious freedom, interfaith dialogue, and environmental stewardship. He has been received by multiple Presidents of the United States and Secretaries of State, and in 1997, Congress awarded him the Congressional Gold Medal, one of our Nation's highest honors.

Last September, Patriarch Bartholomew returned to Washington to

receive the very prestigious Templeton Prize, awarded in New York City, joining the company of past recipients such as Mother Teresa, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and the Dalai Lama. The Templeton Prize recognizes his outstanding leadership in promoting human dignity and fostering dialogue between faith and science.

The people of Delaware, including our incredibly vibrant Greek Orthodox community, are honored to welcome the Patriarch Bartholomew to the U.S. Capitol. I invite my colleagues to join me in welcoming Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES GULF COAST RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTER

• Mrs. MOODY. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the Florida Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, an institution at the forefront of agricultural innovation and scientific research located in Wimauma, FL.

The Gulf Coast Research and Education Center was started in 1925 as a laboratory focused on solutions for Florida's threatened tomato production. Throughout its 100-year history, the center adapted, grew, and became a leader in advancement for farmers in the Sunshine State.

Research efforts at the center have spanned a wide range of cutting-edge agricultural initiatives. Importantly, the center's efforts have not been a mere academic exercise. Scientists at the center have improved the quality and yield of the crops Florida's farmers grow and sell around the world.

At 100 years old, the center is breaking ground on its next big venture: the Center for Applied Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture. This new chapter in the center's story will revolutionize the way the men and women who get up before the sun provide the food we eat.

Long before the tourist attractions and bustling neighborhoods, there was the Florida farmer, raising cattle and growing winter vegetables. With 100 more years of the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, the Florida farmer will still be there. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring their century-long track record of excellence.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

## EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

(The message received today is 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-2097. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report to advise that he is exercising his authority to terminate the Inspectors General for the Export-Import Bank of the United States and the Federal Housing Finance Agency; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2098. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Registry of Nonbank Covered Persons Subject to Certain Agency and Court Orders; Rescission" (RIN3170-AB32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2099. A communication from the Senior Counsel, Legal Division, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fair Credit Reporting Act; Preemption of State Laws" (12 CFR Part 1022) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2025; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2100. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to all complaints received by air carriers alleging discrimination on the basis of disability; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2101. A communication from the Chief Regulatory Officer, Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of the Automatic Extension of Employment Authorization Documents" (RIN1615-AD05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2102. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Priestia megaterium strain SYM36613; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 12859-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2103. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyclobutylfluram; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 12872-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2104. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Manage-

ment Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date; California; Mariposa County; 2015 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 12611-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2105. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "ASFBIOF01-02 Polypeptide; Exemption from the Requirement of a Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 13031-01-OCSPP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2106. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (24-4.5e)" ((RIN2070-AB27) (FRL No. 12563-02-OCSPP)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 5, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2107. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-164, "Special Education for Young Adults in the Custody of the Department of Corrections Second Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2108. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on D.C. Act 26-175, "Volunteer Services Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2109. 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 threat from securities investments that finance certain companies of the People's Republic of China (PRC) that was declared in Executive Order 13959 of November 12, 2020; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2110. 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 Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12170 of November 14, 1979; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2111. 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 proliferation of weapons of mass destruction that was declared in Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2112. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, two (2) reports relative to nominations, vacancies, designations of service in acting roles, discontinuations of service in acting roles and actions on nominations for positions covered by the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2113. A communication from the Supervisory Program Analyst, Office of Managing

Director, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Review of Submarine Cable Landing License Rules and Procedures to Assess Evolving National Security, Law Enforcement, Foreign Policy, and Trade Policy Risks; Amendment of the Schedule of Application Fees Set Forth in Sections 1.1109 of the Commission's Rules" (FCC 25-49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on November 6, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of a nomination was submitted:

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Thomas Ferguson III, of North Carolina, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina for the term of four years.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## 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. CASSIDY (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. ERNST, and Mr. TUBERVILLE):

S. 3114. A bill to amend the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959 to require labor organizations to make certain disclosures to its members, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3115. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to enhance the stability of orders of the National Labor Relations Board by limiting nonacquiescence of the Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3116. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to restrict charges of unfair labor practices that are not filed in good faith or are frivolous, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

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

S. 3117. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act regarding labor organization elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN:

S. 3118. A bill to require reporting on compliance with requirements to update leadership boards across the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 3119. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make temporary lodging facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs available for members of the Armed Forces, other individuals on active duty, and family members of such individuals on a space-available basis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.