

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. JUSTICE) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. McCORMICK).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 46, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 640 Ex.]

YEAS—51

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

NAYS—46

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

NOT VOTING—3

Duckworth	Justice	McCormick
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The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The majority whip.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the motion. The motion was agreed to.

PROVIDING A HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTION TO CERTAIN ENROLLEES, TO REDUCE HEALTH CARE COSTS—Motion to Proceed

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 285, S. 3386.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 285, S. 3386, a bill to provide a health savings ac-

count contribution to certain enrollees, to reduce health care costs, and for other purposes.

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The 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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Executive Calendar No. 285, S. 3386, a bill to provide a health savings account contribution to certain enrollees, to reduce health care costs, and for other purposes.

John Thune, John R. Curtis, Tim Sheehy, Roger F. Wicker, Joni Ernst, Markwayne Mullin, Mike Crapo, Jon A. Husted, Lindsey Graham, James E. Risch, Todd Young, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, David McCormick, John Boozman, John Barrasso, Bill Cassidy.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I withdraw the motion to proceed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has that right.

The motion is withdrawn.

The Democratic leader.

AMENDING THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 TO EXTEND THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE HEALTH CARE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT—Motion to Proceed

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 284, S. 3385, the 3-year extension of our ACA premiums.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 284, S. 3385, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the enhancement of the health care premium tax credit.

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The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The 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, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 284, S. 3385, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the enhancement of the health care premium tax credit.

Charles E. Schumer, Patty Murray, Amy Klobuchar, Brian Schatz, Tammy Baldwin, Richard J. Durbin, Christopher Murphy, Jack Reed, Tina Smith, Tim Kaine, Alex Padilla, Jeff Merkley, Maria Cantwell, Christopher A. Coons, Elizabeth Warren, Peter Welch, Richard Blumenthal.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in 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. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: 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. 25-1K. 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 24-62 of July 25, 2024.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-1K

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

(i) Purchaser: Government of Belgium.
(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 24-62; Date: July 25, 2024; Implementing Agency: Air Force.
(iii) Description: On July 25, 2024, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 24-62 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 ninety-six (196) Guided Bomb Unit (GBU)-53/B Small Diameter Bombs Increment II (SDB-II) All Up-Rounds (AURs). Also included were SDB-II Weapons Load Crew Trainers (WLCT); training aids and devices; spare and repair parts, consumables, accessories, and repair and return support; unclassified software delivery and support; unclassified publications and technical documentation; major modifications and maintenance support; training and training equipment; munitions support and support equipment; transportation support; studies and surveys; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost was \$115 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$78 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: two hundred eighty-eight (288) GBU-53/B Small Diameter Bombs Increment II (SDB-II). The following non-MDE items will also be included: major and minor modifications; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total value of the new items is \$124 million. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$19 million to a revised \$56 million. The estimated total case value will increase by \$124 million to a revised \$239 million. MDE constitutes \$183 million of this total.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided because the additional MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The proposed sale is an essential component of F-35 advanced capabilities and will enhance the effectiveness of Belgian tactical air operations.

(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 which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

(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: December 8, 2025.

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Enclosures.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-92

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 Belgium.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment * \$67 million.

Other \$12 million.

Total \$79 million.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): Up to two hundred forty (240) Hellfire missiles (AGM-114R2).

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items are also included: U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; support equipment; communications and training equipment; ammunition, spare parts, consumables, accessories, and repair and return support; facility design; classified and unclassified publications; technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; studies and surveys; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Army (BE-B-WDR).

(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: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 8, 2025.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION
Belgium—Hellfire Missiles

The Government of Belgium has requested to buy up to two hundred forty (240) Hellfire missiles (AGM-114R2). The following non-MDE items will also be included: U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; support equipment; communications and training equipment; ammunition, spare parts, consumables, accessories, and repair and return support; facility design; classified and unclassified publications; technical documentation; personnel training and training equipment; studies and surveys; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost is \$79 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally which is an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Belgium's combat capability for counterterrorism operations. Belgium is a long-time operator of several advanced air-to-ground munitions via its F-35 and F-16 programs. Belgium 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.

The principal contractor will be Lockheed Martin Corporation, located in Troy, AL. At this time, the U.S. Government is not aware