

in his Office of Management and Budget. It has been reviewed by now President Trump's team, his Office of Management and Budget. Everyone has looked at it and said: Yep, that works.

We have gone through all the technical assistance on it, and now it is time to vote to be able to figure out if once and for all we can end government shutdowns.

Now, the idea, as I mentioned, is simple: We stay here until the work is done. But let me give you an example of what that would look like just in this shutdown. This particular shutdown with Homeland Security, we were shut down for 76 days because my Democratic colleagues did not want to fund ICE or Border Protection, so we had a 76-day shutdown.

During that 76-day time period, the Senate was in session 35 of those days—less than half. For 76 days, the Department of Homeland Security was non-operable, unfunded. We were here 35 of those days. If you think that is bad, let's talk about the House of Representatives. They were in session 29 of those 76 days. In other words, the problem was all over the country, and Congress was AWOL.

We have to determine if we are going to stay and fix the problem, or if weekend plans or time away from here is more important than Homeland Security of all things. We should have never left.

When we ran out of funding, we should have remained until we solved the problem, but everybody left. Let's fix that. Let's make the most simple commitment that we can possibly make to the American people, and that is, if we get to a moment like this again—and we will—we will not leave until the work is done.

Federal workers will not have to worry about not being paid. Contractors will not have to worry about not being paid. Programs will be able to continue to operate. We are the ones that will actually have to stay after class. They won't feel it there. That seems to be a much better option than mass chaos across the country while we suffer no consequences for it.

Now, there has been a lot of conversation in this body, which has been good, to be able to talk about how do we actually not have this happen again. Part of the conversation has been: Let's just pay the employees and not pay the programming but we can still continue to be able to leave and come and go like normal but at least people will be paid.

Interestingly enough, we have had an experiment with that, that exact principle for the last month. For the last month, President Trump has taken some of the emergency funding set aside in the bill we passed last year in reconciliation, has used that to be able to pay employees. So employees of Homeland Security have been paid, but the programming hasn't been done. So literally we have had a test run on that idea. What if we just paid the employ-

ees but didn't pay the programming, wouldn't that solve the problem? What has now been discovered is: Oh, no, that definitely doesn't solve the problem.

CBS News has reported in the last 24 hours that we now have up to 6,000 different residences for just the Coast Guard that their power is being shut off because the bills haven't been paid for the last 2 months. And, amazingly enough, utility folks like to be paid—remarkable.

We have got the Commandant of the Coast Guard who came out and made a statement that was pretty bold for the Commandant to be able to make, but he is dead-on correct. The Commandant of the Coast Guard made this statement about the ongoing shutdown right now of Homeland Security including the U.S. Coast Guard. He said:

It's more than a breach of trust . . . Our Coast Guard men and women, whether they're active duty or reserve military civilians, they've stepped forward and taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution. What they expect in return is just to be paid and [to] provide services.

They don't expect "to have to worry about whether their families are going to be taken care of."

By the way, this is the same commandant at his residence as Commandant of the Coast Guard the power was shut off because the bills hadn't been paid. If you want to go to the Coast Guard station in Hawaii, they were literally working at the station by flashlight.

Now, everybody was being paid, but contracts weren't being paid, contractors were not being paid, and program dollars were not done.

What does that mean? Simple things, like in FEMA, all the fire training centers, all the domestic preparedness conferences, all the things that we do to be able to prepare for a hurricane coming up this fall, those things couldn't happen. All the work to be able to prepare for wildfires, none of that could actually happen. For our Cybersecurity professionals, while we have an ongoing conflict with Iran, many were furloughed or couldn't do their work. While we were preparing for FIFA, for literally the whole world coming to the United States, we couldn't do preparation for security for them coming.

The United States Secret Service, who put their lives on the line to be able to protect the President, much of the executive branch and reporters this past weekend at the White House Correspondents' Dinner—thank you for the work that you were doing—but they had no additional money to be able to plan and operate because this body chose to go home rather than fund them.

Listen, there is a simple way to be able to resolve this for all of us: We stay until the work gets done. And simply saying: We will pay people but then walk away doesn't solve the problem because contractors don't get paid, utility bills don't get paid, all the

grants don't get done, the other tasks are still not there. So just paying the employees but they can't do anything doesn't solve the problem. It just pays people that are sitting at a desk, wishing they could do their job, but they have no money to do it, or in this case, for the Coast Guard, they are working at their station by flashlight.

That should not be so in the United States of America. This is not a partisan bill. It is not even a partisan issue. Republicans and Democrats alike have put a stake in the ground and said: We are going to shut the government down because we are mad. We have both done it on both sides. Let's just say we are done with it.

What I would like to happen in the days ahead, years from now, to have my grandchildren crawl up in my lap and say: Tell me a story about the time when the government used to shut down—because it never happens in their generation. Let's find a way to be able to actually resolve this like grownups, work out our differences, and not have government shutdowns.

I want to thank my colleague MAGGIE HASSAN and her work for this and what she has done to be able to get the text right and to be able to get this resolved.

I want to thank my colleagues in the House that had the exact same text: JODEY ARRINGTON, JIMMY PANETTA.

In a bipartisan basis and bicameral basis, we are dedicated to saying government shutdowns need to end. So I am looking forward to us getting this finally, finally resolved.

I yield the floor.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

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

#### RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 718, S. Res. 719, and S. Res. 720.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to; that the preambles be agreed to; and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

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

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

**MAKING A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO AMENDING RULE XXXVII OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE TO PROHIBIT SENATORS FROM TRADING ON PREDICTION MARKETS**

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding adoption of S. Res. 708, as amended, amendment No. 5442, previously agreed to, be modified with the technical correction at the desk and agreed to.

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

The amendment (No. 5442), as modified, is as follows:

(Purpose: To improve the bill)

On page 2, line 1, strike “No Member” and insert “No Member, officer, or employee”.

On page 2, line 2, insert “swap,” after “contract.”

On page 2, line 3, insert “of an excluded commodity, as defined in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a),” after “delivery”.

On page 2, line 5, insert “or contingency. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to apply to insurance for which the insured holds a lawful insurable interest” after “event”.

On page 2, add at the end the following:

**SEC. 2. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

It is the sense of the Senate that the House of Representatives, executive branch, and judicial branch should establish restrictions similar to those under section 1 relating to participation in prediction markets.

The amendment (No. 5442), as modified, was agreed to.

**MORNING BUSINESS**

**VOTE EXPLANATION**

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, had there been a recorded vote on S. 4465, a bill to amend the FISA Amendments Act of 2008 to extend the authorities of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, and for other purposes, I would have voted nay.

**VOTE EXPLANATION**

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I was absent on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, for rollcall vote No. 88. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on the motion to discharge S.J. Res. 114, directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities within or against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress.

**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:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, DC.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Please find enclosed the following notification from the Department of State.

Department Notification Number: RSAT 26-0J.

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. 26-0J. 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 22-51 of August 25, 2022.

Recipients:  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations  
Sincerely,

PAUL D. GUAGLIANONE,  
Senior Bureau Official,  
Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 26-0J

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

(i) (U) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Australia.

(ii) (U) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 22-51; Date: August 25, 2022; Implementing Agency: Army.

(iii) (U) Description: On August 25, 2022, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 22-51 of the possible sale under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of defense services related to the future purchase of forty (40) UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters; eighty-eight (88) T700-GE 701D engines (80 installed, 8 spares); forty-four (44) AN/AAR-57 Counter Missile Warning Systems (CMWS) (40 installed, 4 spares); and ninety-six (96) H-764U Embedded Global Position Systems (GPS)/Inertial Navigation Systems (EGI) and Country Unique SAASM (or future replacement) (80, installed, 16 spares). Also included were AN/ARC-231 RT-1808A (or future replacement), very high frequency/ultra-high frequency (VHF/UHF)/line-of-sight (LOS) satellite communications (SATCOM) radios; APR-39C(V) 1/4 Radar Warning Receivers; AVR-2B Laser Detecting Sets; APX-123A Identification Friend or Foe Transponder; ARC-220 High Frequency (HF) radio with KY-100M; VRC-100 Ground Stations; AN/PYQ-10 Simple Key Loader (SKL); KIV-77 Common Identification Friend or Foe Applique Crypto Computers; KY-100M COMSEC Encryption devices; AN/ARN-147(V) Very High Frequency Omni-Directional Range/Instrument Landing System receiver radio; AN/ARN-149(V) Low Frequency/Automatic Direction Finder radio receiver; AN/ARN-153 Tactical Air Navigation System receiver transmitter; AN/APN-209 radar altimeter; AN/ARC-210 radios; EBC-406HM Emergency Locator Transmitter; Encrypted Aircraft Wireless Intercommunications Systems; Improved Heads Up Display (IHUD); Signal Data Converters for IHUD; Blue Force

Trackers (BFT-2); Improved Data Modems; Color Weather Radars; MX-10D EO/IR with Laser Designator; EO/IR Cabin Monitoring Systems; EO/IR Digital Video Recorder; AN/ARC-201D RT-1478D; Engine Inlet Barrier Filters; Ballistic Armor Protection Systems; Internal Auxiliary Fuel Tank Systems; Fast Rope Insertion Extraction System; External Rescue Hoist; Rescue Hoist Equipment Sets; Dual Patient Litter System Sets; Martin Baker Palletized Crew Chief/Gunner Seats with crashworthy floor structural modifications; External Stores Support System; Integrated Tow Plates Production Assets; Universal Software Loading Kits; 60kVA Generator Kits; Instrument Panel sets; External Gun Mount Systems; Black Hawk Aircrew Trainer; Black Hawk Maintenance Trainer; Black Hawk Avionics Trainer; Maintenance Blended Reconfigurable Avionics Trainer; training devices; helmets; transportation; organizational equipment; spare and repair parts; support equipment; tools and test equipment; technical data and publications; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated total case value was \$1.95 billion. Major defense equipment (MDE) constituted \$850 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following MDE items: up to fifty-six (56) AN/ARC-231A VHF/UHF radios (40 installed, 16 spares); up to eighty-eight (88) EAGLE-M EGIs and associated A kit provisions (80 installed, 8 spares); and up to fifty (50) Common Infrared Countermeasure (CIRC)M. The following non-MDE items will also be included: windshield washer systems; Helicopter Emergency Egress Lighting Systems; training devices and associated software sustainment; technical support for the Full Operational Capability retro-fit and integration, and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated MDE value will increase by \$81 million to a revised total of \$931 million. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$100 million to a revised \$1.2 billion. The projected total case value is expected to increase by \$181 million, with a revised total of \$2.131 billion.

(iv) (U) Significance: This notification accounts for requested additional MDE and non-MDE items not included in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE and non-MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed articles and services will support Australia’s capability to meet current and future threats and will enhance interoperability with the U.S. and other allied forces.

(v) (U) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the Western Pacific. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

(vi) (U) Sensitivity of Technology: The AN/ARC-231A is a software defined radio (SDR) that implements a National Security Administration (NSA) modernized, Type 1, embedded cryptographic solution. It provides joint service standard LOS, HAVE QUICK, SATURN, and Single Channel Ground to Air Radio System electronic counter-counter measures, along with integrated waveform SATCOM. The AN/ARC-231A has mobile user objective system capability and provides extended coverage across 30 to 512 MHz frequency with expandability up to two GHz. The AN/ARC-231A programable feature supports evolving waveform