

my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Hayes is a graduate of Custer County High School in Miles City, MT, and a recent graduate of Black Hills State University in Spearfish, SD, having earned degrees in political science and international studies. This fall, Hayes plans to attend the University of Nebraska College of Law in Lincoln, NE. Hayes is a dedicated worker who has been committed to getting the most out of her experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Hayes for all the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO ELIJAH SUWYN

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Elijah Suwyn, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all the hard work he has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several weeks.

Elijah is a recent graduate of Biola University in La Mirada, CA, having earned a degree in political science. He is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of his internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Elijah for all the fine work he has done and wish him continued success in the years to come.

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 26-0Q.

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. 26-0Q. 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 22-14 of April 14, 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. 26-0Q

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Bulgaria.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 22-14; Date: April 4, 2022; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description: On April 4, 2022, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 22-14 of the possible sale under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of four (4) F-16 C Block 70 aircraft; four (4) F-16 D Block 70 aircraft; eleven (11) F100-GE-129D engines (8 installed, 3 spares); eleven (11) Improved Programmable Display Generators (8 installed, 3 spares); eleven (11) AN/APG-83 Active Electronically Scanned Array Scalable Agile Beam Radars (8 installed, 3 spares); eleven (11) Modular Mission Computers 7000AH (8 installed, 3 spares); eleven (11) LN-260 or equivalent Embedded Global Positioning System Inertial Navigation Systems with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module and Precise Positioning Service (8 installed, 3 spares); nineteen (19) Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) AIM120C-7/C-8 or equivalent missiles; two (2) AMRAAM guidance sections; forty-eight (48) LAU-129A launchers (40 installed, 8 spares); twenty-eight (28) GBU-39/B Small Diameter Bombs (SDBs); two (2) SDB Guided Test Vehicles; eleven (11) M61A1 Vulcan cannons (8 installed, 3 spares); four (4) AN/AAQ-33 Sniper Advanced Targeting Pods; twelve (12) Multifunctional Information Distribution System with Joint Tactical Radio Systems (aircraft terminals and ground station terminals) (10 installed, 2 spares); twenty (20) AIM-9X Block II missiles; eight (8) AIM-9X Block II Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs); four (4) AIM-9X Block II tactical guidance units; four (4) AIM-9X Block II CATM guidance units; twenty-four (24) FMU-139 or FMU-152 fuze systems; twelve (12) KMU-572 Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) tail kits for 500LB GBU-38 or laser JDAM GBU-54; twelve (12) MXU-650 Air Foil Groups for Enhanced Paveway II EGBU-49; twelve (12) MAU-210 Enhanced Computer Control Groups for EPII EGBU-49; twenty-four (24) MK-82 or BLU-111 or equivalent bomb bodies; six (6) MK-82 inert bombs; and two (2) GBU-39 SDB I practice bombs. The following non-MDE items were also included: AN/ARC-238 radios; AN/APX-126 or equivalent Advanced Identification Friend or Foe with Combined Interrogator Transponders; Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System II or Scorpion Hybrid Optical-based Inertial Tacker helmet mounted displays; AN/ALQ-254 Viper Shield or equivalent electronic warfare systems; AN/ALE-47 Countermeasure Dispenser Systems, KY-58M cryptographic devices, KIV-78 cryptographic devices, and Simple Key Loaders: Joint Mission Planning Systems or equivalent; AIM-120 CATM; PGU-28 High Explosive Incendiary (HEI) ammunition; PGU-27 training rounds (non HEI); ARD-446 impulse cartridges; ARD-863 impulse cartridges; BBU-36/B impulse cartridges; BBU-35/B impulse cartridges; MK-124 smoke flares; MJU-7/B flare cartridges L463 or MJU-53 or equivalent;

Common Munitions Built-in-Test Re-programming Equipment (CMBRE); ADU-890 adapter for CMBRE; ADU-891 adapter for CMBRE; Night Vision Devices (NVD); NVD spare image intensifier tubes; Remote Operated Video Enhanced Receiver (ROVER) 6i units; tactical network ROVER kit; DSU-38 laser sensors for GBU-54; Cartridge Actuated Device/Propellant Actuated Devices; GBU-39 tactical training rounds; BRU-57 bomb racks; BRU-61 bomb racks; MAU-12 bomb racks and TER-9A triple ejection racks; other chaff and flare. ammunition. and pylons: launcher adaptors and weapons interfaces; fuel tanks and attached hardware; travel pods; aircraft and weapons integration, test, and support equipment; electronic warfare database and mission data file development; precision measurement and calibration laboratory equipment; secure communications; cryptographic equipment; precision navigation equipment; aircraft and personnel support and test equipment; spare and repair parts; repair and return services; maps, publications, and technical documentation; studies and surveys: classified/unclassified software and software support; personnel training and training equipment; facilities and facility management, design and/or construction services: U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost was \$1.673 billion. Major defense equipment (MDE) constituted \$978 billion of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: one hundred twenty-five (125) AIM-120C-8 AMRAAM; five (5) AIM-120C-8 AMRAAM guidance sections; and four (4) AIM-9X Block II missiles. The following non-major defense equipment items will also be included: missile containers and control section spares; munitions support and support equipment; computer program identification numbers; engine component improvement program support; transportation support; studies and surveys; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistic support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost of the new items is \$957 million. The estimated MDE value will increase by \$452 million to a revised \$1.43 billion. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$505 million to a revised \$1.2 billion. The estimated total case value will increase by \$957 million to a revised \$2.63 billion. MDE constitutes \$1.43 billion of this total.

(iv) 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 sale will enhance Bulgaria's capability to meet current and future threats by providing a credible force that is capable of deterring adversaries and participating in NATO operations. The proposed sale will support its goal of improving national and territorial defense as well as interoperability with U.S. and NATO forces.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO Ally that is an important force for political and economic stability 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: May 11, 2026.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 114, the adoption of S. Res. 690, Authorizing the en bloc consideration in Executive Session of certain nominations on the Executive Calendar. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 115, the motion to close further debate on confirmation of the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 728, Kevin Warsh, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2026. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 116, the Confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 728, Kevin Warsh, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of fourteen years from February 1, 2026. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 117, the motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 727, Kevin Warsh, of Florida, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System for a term of four years. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

HONORING NORTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT ON NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. TILLIS. Mr. President, I rise during Police Week to honor the brave men and women in North Carolina and across the Nation who serve in law enforcement. Police Week is a solemn and humbling experience, as thousands of officers and their families come to our Nation's Capital and pay tribute to their fellow officers who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect their communities.

Every name that is added to the memorial wall is a monument to that officer's heroism and legacy of courage, selflessness, and ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. This kind of heroism and sacrifice is one far too familiar for North Carolinians who have heard stories of brave officers giving their last full measure of devotion while protecting our State. Today, I wish to list and honor five of these heroes that North Carolina has lost since last year's Police Week in May 2025.

Often, we hear of the dangers law enforcement faces in their profession, but rarely do civilians truly grasp the real risks borne by officers which exist even during "routine" parts of the job, even something as normal as transporting an inmate to a hospital to receive medical care can turn deadly.

Officer Flattes, a detention officer for the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office in western North Carolina, was fatally shot when an inmate who was being transported for medical care

took a detention officer's firearm during a scuffle. Officer Flattes was 56 years old and was shot by the inmate he was seeking to help. This story and others like it are sobering reminders of the true risks facing law enforcement everywhere. Officer Flattes is survived by his wife, who also served with the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office, as well as his 6 children and 15 grandchildren. To them and to Officer Flattes, I rise to say thank you for their sacrifice and his heroism.

We must also remember WakeMed Campus Police Officer Roger Smith, who shares a story far too similar to Officer Flattes. Officer Smith was working in the WakeMed emergency department when a struggle ensued with an armed individual that left Officer Smith shot and wounded. Despite the best efforts of doctors, Officer Smith succumbed to his wounds later that morning. Officer Smith is survived by his two daughters, mother, brother, granddaughter, and long-time partner. Officer Smith previously served 16 years as a Knightdale police officer and as a volunteer firefighter, making his loss one felt throughout his community.

The next person to honor is North Carolina Master Trooper Stien Davis, Jr. Trooper Davis was killed in a single-car crash on NC Highway 130 just after midnight when he lost control of his car before riding off of the road and flipping his vehicle upside down in a swamp. What is especially tragic about this loss is who Trooper Davis leaves behind; his young son, mother, siblings, and fiancée, all of whom have felt and shared a loss that escapes words. This tragic accident resulted in the death of a young trooper who loved his family, his community, and his career in law enforcement.

Sadly, there is another master trooper that I rise to honor today, Master Trooper Steven J. Perry. Trooper Perry was killed when his patrol car was struck in a head-on collision by someone driving the wrong way at 3 in the morning. Trooper Perry was 30 years old and had served the State of North Carolina for almost 7 years when he was killed. He is survived by his then 9-month-old daughter. Because of one person's bad choice, the State of North Carolina has lost one of its finest sons.

Finally, I rise to honor Forsyth County Sheriff's Deputy Kaleb Mitchell. Deputy Mitchell, like the other heroes mentioned before, was killed during what was a routine moment of his day. Deputy Mitchell was killed when he was struck by a driver going over 100 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone, who then crossed a dividing line and hit Deputy Mitchell. Deputy Mitchell was later pronounced dead after being taken to a hospital immediately after the collision. He is survived by his expectant wife, his 2-year-old child, his parents, and his siblings. One of his brothers also serves with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office. There are no

words to fully express the heartbreak and loss these families have suffered, feelings that are only sharpened by the ordinary nature of what was happening when each officer died.

There is simply no speech, no award, no memorial or honor that we can bestow upon these officers and families that can lessen their sacrifice or ease their pain, but what we must do no matter what is remain thankful for their sacrifice and honor the legacies of these men who died protecting our State and its people.

In my remaining time in the Senate, I will continue to push for the passage of the Protect and Serve Act, legislation that I introduced that makes it a Federal crime to intentionally harm, or attempt to harm, a law enforcement officer. It also gives prosecutors new tools to penalize criminals who target law enforcement.

Officers go to work every day prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for their communities, and they need our support now more than ever. The Protect and Serve Act is supported by law enforcement groups across the Nation, including the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Police Organizations, the Police Officers Defense Coalition, the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, the National Sheriffs Association, and the Major County Sheriffs Association.

To every officer serving today: Thank you for your unwavering courage; you have earned our unending gratitude. To the families of the fallen: Your loss is shared by a grateful nation. We will never forget your loved one's service, nor their sacrifice. God bless them. God bless law enforcement. And may God bless the United States of America.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, National Police Week serves as a solemn reminder of the courage and sacrifice shown by the men and women in law enforcement who lost their lives in service to others. This week, we set aside time to honor their memory and recognize the families, friends, and fellow officers who continue to carry their loss with strength and grace.

Behind every officer is a family that serves alongside them. They share in the sacrifices, the uncertainty, and the responsibility that comes with a life of public service. These officers are more than public servants. They are parents, neighbors, mentors, coaches, and leaders who play an essential role in the communities they call home. In my home State of Mississippi and across the country, we are so proud of these dedicated individuals who serve with integrity, professionalism, and honor.

This year, we honor the three Mississippi officers whose names have been added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, three heroes who protected our communities and whose legacy will live on.