

States District Judge for the District of Montana.

John Thune, Ted Budd, Thom Tillis, John Barrasso, Tim Sheehy, Joni Ernst, Jon A. Husted, Katie Boyd Britt, David McCormick, Mike Rounds, John Boozman, Bill Cassidy, Rick Scott of Florida, Josh Hawley, Cynthia M. Lummis, Kevin Cramer, Steve Daines.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Kathleen S. Lane, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCCORMICK), the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and the nays resulted—yeas 50, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 131 Leg.]

YEAS—50

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

NAYS—44

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

NOT VOTING—6

Bennet	McCormick	Schatz
Fetterman	Rounds	Tillis

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. RICKETTS). On this vote, the yeas are 50, the nays are 44.

The motion is agreed to.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Kathleen S. Lane, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII, the postcloture time with respect to Executive Calendar No. 736 be expired and the Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, tomorrow; further, that the cloture vote with respect to Executive Calendar No. 743 occur following disposition of Executive Calendar No. 736; finally, that if any nominations are confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

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

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and 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.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WYOMING MINING ASSOCIATION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 70th anniversary of the Wyoming Mining Association.

On June 3, 2026, the Wyoming Mining Association will celebrate its 70th anniversary. The annual convention is at the CAM-PLEX in Gillette, WY. This milestone highlights the WMA's role as the unified voice of the State's mining industry. Even prior to statehood, mining was essential to Wyoming's economy. The great seal of the State of Wyoming prominently features a miner in recognition of the industry's lasting significance.

In April of 1956, representatives from 12 Wyoming mining companies, with the help of future Wyoming Governor Ed Herschler, gathered to establish the Wyoming State Mining Association. The group set up its headquarters in Riverton. The new organization kept members informed about mining issues and promoted the industry's importance to the State. From its inception, the Wyoming Mining Association has highlighted the importance of industry partners. It has relied on geologists, engineers, and local stakeholders to advance mining in the State and region. Eventually, the WMA offices were re-

located to the State capitol in Cheyenne, where they remain today.

Wyoming's mineral resources are essential to our State and Nation. We produce almost 12 times more energy than we consume. Nationally, we are second in net energy exports. Wyoming is America's energy breadbasket. The WMA is the dedicated voice for the coal, bentonite, trona, uranium, and rare earths minerals industries.

In addition to advocating for the industry, the Wyoming Mining Association provides on-the-ground education for legislators, students, teachers, and environmental leaders. The association represents dozens of mining companies, along with more than 100 associate companies that provide equipment and services across the sector.

The association consistently advocates for commonsense policies and regulations that strengthen the industry. It strives to educate and inform people about the importance of mining. This includes highlighting the national value of mineral production and the economic impact on our State. Under WMA's leadership, Wyoming mines make health and safety for their employees and the public a top priority. Our mines are regularly recognized as some of the safest in the Nation.

Over the last seven decades, the WMA has prospered under strong, effective leadership. Executive directors include Russell "Russ" Beamer (1956-1972), William "Bill" Budd (1972-1986), John "Jack" Ratchye (1986-1991), Marion Loomis (1991-2014), Jonathan Downing (2014-2016), and my former military representative Travis Deti (2016-present.) Since 1956, the Wyoming Mining Association has shared the mining story and highlighted its crucial role in our State.

Today, the WMA is led by:

Travis Deti, Executive Director
Pat Joyce, Assistant Director
Heidi Peterson, Office Manager and Event Planner
Todd Druse, President (Black Hills Bentonite)
Neil Malicoat, Vice President (Sisecam)
Scott Schierman, Secretary & Treasurer (Uranium Energy Corporation)
Casey Feimlee, Board Member (Peabody Energy)
Trish Driver, Board Member (Core Natural Resources)
Darrin Munoz, Board Member (Navajo Transitional Energy Company)
Christian Palich, Board Member (Eagle Specialty Materials)
Cole Anderson, Board Member (Wyodak Resources)
Bernard Bonifas, Board Member (Energy Fuels)
Kimberly Lytton, Board Member (Bentonite Performance Minerals)
Don Crank, Board Member (Kemmerer Operations)
Paul Bonifas, Board Member (Rare Element Resources)
Randy Quig, Board Member (Wyoming Machinery)

As the Wyoming Mining Association celebrates 70 years of service, we honor the miners, engineers, equipment operators, geologists, and their families who work to meet the energy needs of

our Nation. Through WMA's innovation and leadership, this industry—and the hard-working men and women who support it—remain key to Wyoming's success.

It is an honor to celebrate this significant milestone. Mineral development and energy production are essential to America's strength, security, and success. The Wyoming Mining Association remains committed to this important mission. It will continue to advocate for responsible development, a strong workforce, and Wyoming's role as a global leader in energy and mineral production.

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 26-51.

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 26-51 concerning the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Ukraine for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$108.1 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

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. 26-51

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

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

(ii) (U) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment * \$0.
Other: \$108.1 million.

Total \$108.1 million.

Funding Source: Jumpstart funding from Norway

(iii) (U) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase: The Government of Ukraine requests to buy equipment and services in support of the training, sustainment, and further development of existing U.S.-origin air defense weapon systems.

Major Defense Equipment (MDE): None.

Non-Major Defense Equipment: The following non-MDE items will be included: training aids; personnel training and training equipment; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) (U) Military Department: Air Force (JU-D-QAC).

(v) (U) Prior Related Cases, if any: KA-D-QAB; KA-D-QAC; KA-D-QAF; KA-DQ-QAG; UP-D-QAC; UP-D-QAB; NW-D-QAC; NX-D-QAA.

(vi) (U) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None known at this time.

(vii) (U) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) (U) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 21, 2026.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Government of Ukraine—Hawk Sustainment

The Government of Ukraine has requested to buy erectable mast trailers; major modifications and maintenance support; spare parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support for FrankenSAM HAWK missile systems. The estimated total cost is \$108.1 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a partner country that is a force for political and economic stability in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Ukraine's capability to meet current and future threats by further equipping it to conduct self-defense and regional security missions with a more robust integrated air defense capability. Ukraine 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 contractors for this effort will be Sierra Nevada Corporation, located in Englewood, CO. 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 Ukraine.

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

TRIBUTE TO CINDY MCCAIN

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor and recognize the distinguished service of Cindy McCain, executive director of the World Food Programme.

Throughout her tenure at the World Food Programme, Cindy demonstrated strong, steady leadership during a period of rising global need. She worked to strengthen the organization by streamlining its structure, improving accountability, and expanding its ability to reach people facing dire gaps in access to lifesaving nutrition aid.

As chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I also want to recognize the important role that American agriculture plays in this mission. Food aid programs have a dual benefit of delivering surplus U.S. grown commodities to those in need. This supports American farmers at home while transforming lives abroad in some of the world's most desperate situations. With the help of Cindy's leadership, these programs have created tremendous good will toward the U.S. in recipient countries.

It was an honor to serve alongside her late husband John in the U.S. Senate as they both voiced the benefits of a robust American influence abroad to advance our own interests and help change the world. Their contributions left a lasting mark on the institution and shaped important policies while always demonstrating an unshakeable belief in our country.

I thank Cindy McCain for her commitment at the World Food Programme and wish her the very best as she focuses on her continued recovery. I am grateful for her service to strengthening food security around the world, and I am thankful for her continued friendship.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION MONTH

Mr. SHEEHY. Mr. President, as we look back on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Month, it is my honor to pay tribute to the memory of nearly 150 peace officers who have given their lives in the line of duty in service to Montana since 1878.

These officers put on the badge each morning with service, sacrifice, and duty at the heart of the mission. Day after day, no matter the conditions, they rose to the occasion, ran towards the danger, and embodied the best of our State and Nation. Their sacrifice is a solemn reminder that the peace and safety we enjoy in Montana would not be possible without those who hold the line.

As we remember and honor our fallen peace officers, we also pay tribute and pledge our support to their families for all they have given to community and country. May God bless them, and may we ensure the legacies of their loved ones never fade.

To Montana's peace officers wearing the badge today: Thank you for answering the call and boldly serving, protecting, and defending every day. I have your back 100 percent and always will.