

my colleagues on the other side of the aisle on the release of those Iranian funds.

I recall many distortions about a \$1.7 billion payment at the time, including bogus claims that the United States was paying out for prisoner releases when, in reality, we were clearing up a decades-old legal settlement that had nothing to do with the JCPOA. Less than \$2 billion seems like pennies relative to the \$300 billion promise made by President Trump to the Iranians today.

Already this week, the Trump administration issued sweeping oil sanctions waivers, unlocking billions in new revenue for Tehran. And apparently, the U.S. is working with Qatar to free up billions of dollars in frozen assets available for Iran. These financial incentives for an adversary before we have compliance are remarkable.

Ultimately, I hope my colleagues reassert Congress' constitutional responsibilities when it comes to the war against Iran.

I am glad that the Senate adopted a resolution instructing the President to end the war yesterday, and I hope when it comes to the national budget or any supplemental request, we will uphold our power of the purse.

I also look forward to reviewing any final nuclear agreement with Iran as required under the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act.

Anything less is an abdication of our duties as Members of 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 26-0X.

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are for-

warding Transmittal No. 26-0X. 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 23-64 of September 11, 2023.

Recipients:

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

KAITLYN WOLFE,
Senior Bureau Official,
Bureau of Legislative Affairs.

TRANSMITTAL NO. RSAT 26-0X

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Poland.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 23-64; Date: September 11, 2023; Implementing Agency: Army.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description: On September 11, 2023, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 23-64 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of ninety-three (93) Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) Battle Command System (IBCS) Engagement Operation Centers (EOCs); and one hundred seventy-five (175) IBCS Integrated Fire Control Network (IFCN) relays. Also included were network encryptors; IBSC software development and component integration; U.S. Government and contractor technical support; System Integration Lab (SIL) infrastructure; SIL test tools and equipment; U.S. Government and contractor technical support for SIL; flight test infrastructure and equipment; flight test targets; flight test range costs and fees; U.S. Government and Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) flight test services and support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost was \$4 billion. Major defense equipment (MDE) constituted \$1.5 billion of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following MDE items: six (6) IAMD IBSC EOCs; and twelve (12) IBSC IFCN relays. The following non-MDE items will also be included: network encryptors; IBSC software development and component integration; U.S. Government and contractor technical support; Systems Integration Lab (SIL) infrastructure; SIL test tools and equipment; U.S. Government and contractor technical support for SIL; flight test infrastructure and equipment; flight test targets; flight test range costs and fees; and U.S. Government and OEM flight test services and support. The estimated total value of the new items is \$100 million. The estimated MDE value will increase by \$80 million to a revised \$1.58 billion. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$20 million to a revised \$2.52 billion. The estimated total case value will increase by \$100 million to a revised \$4.1 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification accounts for requested additional MDE and non-MDE items not included in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed sale will improve Poland's capability to meet current and future threats by providing a credible force that can deter adversaries and facilitate its participation in NATO operations. Poland will have no difficulty absorbing these articles and services into its armed forces.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by

improving the security of a NATO Ally that 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: June 23, 2026.

REMEMBERING GORDON S. WOOD

Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Gordon S. Wood, esteemed scholar and historian whose notable works examined and guided our understanding of the ideals that birthed and gave rise to the early American Republic.

Born in 1933 in Concord, MA, site of the earliest skirmishes of the American Revolution, Gordon Wood's interest in early American history seems almost inevitable. Dr. Wood attended Tufts University; after earning his degree, he served in the U.S. Air Force in Japan. He earned his master of arts and Ph.D. in history at Harvard University. In 1969, the same year he began his illustrious career at Brown University in Providence, RI, he published his seminal work, "The Creation of the American Republic, 1776-1787," which received the prestigious Bancroft Prize.

Throughout his career, Dr. Wood authored 10 books, including "The Radicalism of the American Revolution," which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for History. It was this achievement that, perhaps, most forcefully launched him from the realm of academia into the world of public humanities. Dr. Wood's work analyzed how the Colonists' rejection of British monarchy radically shaped not only self-governance, but also the ways in which their nascent ideas of liberty and equality wove themselves into every facet of American society, politics, and culture.

In their brazen embrace of such radical notions, the Colonists transformed from King's subjects to citizens of a modern, democratic republic.

For 40 years at Brown University, Gordon Wood was a devoted teacher and humanist, a brilliant lecturer, and a mentor who engaged generations of students and critical thinkers. He supported new perspectives and historical analysis, welcomed discussion and debate. In recognition of his vigorous scholarship and vast contributions to the humanistic disciplines, President Obama presented Dr. Wood with the 2010 National Humanities Medal.

After retiring in 2008, he continued to research, write, and lecture widely. He held the prestigious title of Alva O. Way University Professor and Professor of History Emeritus at Brown University. Dr. Wood remained steadfast about the centrality of these revolutionary beliefs: liberty and equality, born out of the Enlightenment, boldly propelled early Americans to democratic republicanism and independence.

Today, these beliefs still sit at the very core of this great experiment in democracy.

Sadly, Dr. Wood passed away on June 7 at the age of 92. He was but weeks away from receiving a very special accolade on behalf of Brown University's semiquincentennial initiative—Brown 2026—for “his unparalleled contributions to history and to education.” Indeed, Dr. Wood's scholarship has added tremendous depth to our understanding of the ideas behind the founding of our Nation, which we will be celebrating with great fanfare in a few short days.

I want to join the Brown University community and a long list of colleagues, former students, and friends in extending my condolences to Dr. Wood's wife Louise, his children, and grandchildren. His kindness, humility, intellect, wisdom, and generous mentorship influenced countless people, and his legacy will live on to enrich and remind us of the hopeful position that was and is America.

Gordon Wood will be rightfully remembered as one of the great scholars of American history. Today, I also ask that you remember him as a great American.

REMEMBERING JOHN J.H. SCHWARZ, M.D.

Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay special tribute to former Congressman John Joseph Henry “Joe” Schwarz, M.D., my friend, veteran, physician, and dedicated public servant, who passed away on May 27, 2026.

Born and raised in Battle Creek, MI, Congressman Schwarz's journey was defined early on by excellence in leadership, athletics, and service. At Battle Creek Central High School, he was elected as the class of 1955 president and earned varsity letters in football, baseball, and swimming. He went on to attend the University of Michigan, where he earned a degree in history in 1959. While at U of M, he participated in football, men's glee club, and was a lifelong member of the Theta Theta Chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He earned his medical degree in 1964 from Wayne State University.

Before being elected to public office, Congressman Schwarz served in the U.S. Navy, where he was the battalion surgeon for the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment in Vietnam and Southeast Asia and later as assistant naval attaché to Indonesia. He also worked with the Central Intelligence Agency to help locate prisoners of war. In 1974, he returned home to Battle Creek with his wife Anne and daughter Brennan and entered private medical practice.

His commitment to public service began as a city commissioner and later mayor of Battle Creek, before being elected to serve 16 years in the Michigan Senate. Congressman Schwarz faithfully served the people of Michigan's former 7th Congressional District from 2005 to 2007. During his term in the House of Representatives, he

earned a reputation as a principled decision maker, a tireless advocate for his constituents, and a respected colleague on both sides of the aisle.

Even after leaving Congress, Joe remained deeply engaged in public life and his counsel was sought by leaders across the State of Michigan. He served as a trustee of the University of Olivet, a member of the university bank board and the Kellogg Community College Foundation Board, and on the Michigan Legislative Retirement Board, the Purple Rose Theatre Company Board, and the Brass Band of Battle Creek Board. He was a past president of the Calhoun County Medical Society and on the board of the Michigan State Medical Society.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and all who mourn his loss. While we grieve his passing, we also celebrate a life well lived and a legacy of service that will endure for generations.

I ask the Senate to join me in honoring the life of former Congressman John J.H. “Joe” Schwarz, M.D. for his decades of service to the Battle Creek community, the State of Michigan, and our Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JOHN “JACK” HOLLAND, USN (RET.)

• Mr. BUDD. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a patriot and veteran, retired U.S. Navy Commander John “Jack” Holland.

Mr. Holland's passion for flying came from joining the naval aviation program following his last semester of college. He received his Navy wings a year and a half later and began an illustrious career as a pilot at Naval Air Station Miramar just outside of San Diego. His first orders were to join an attack squadron flying a Douglas AD Skyraider.

Over the next 23 years, Mr. Holland transitioned to jets and completed eight aircraft carrier deployments to the Western Pacific, including five deployments to Vietnam. A notable position of honor was serving as the Navy Seventh Fleet Liaison Officer with the U.S. Air Force at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Saigon. Mr. Holland last served as the commanding officer of a Navy Fighter Aggressor Squadron at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia Beach.

After retirement from the U.S. Navy in 1978, Mr. Holland's contributions and passion for flying continued with his service as an engineering consultant for a Navy contractor at the Naval Weapons Center in China Lake, CA. During his service, he was responsible for developing the software management plan for the Navy's F/A-18 Hornet aircraft and other strategic missile programs.

On July 8, 2026, at 91, Mr. Holland is returning to First Flight Airport and the Wright Brothers National Memo-

rial to commemorate his years of service as a Navy pilot. He will arrive as a passenger, scale Big Kill Devil Hill, walk to the First Flight Boulder, and recall the views from the aircraft that flew over the same ground revered by this great Nation. Join me in saluting Mr. Holland, not only for his faithful service to this country, but for his return visit to First Flight.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL WILLIAM BRYAN ANNIE

• Mr. JUSTICE. Mr. President, I rise to acknowledge Col. William Bryan Annie, who is retiring on July 1, 2026, after more than 30 years of military service to our country and the great State of West Virginia.

Colonel Annie grew up in Kanawha County, and in October 1995, he put on a uniform for the first time, joining the 130th Security Forces Squadron of the West Virginia Air National Guard. While serving, he pursued his education, earning a bachelor of science in 1999 and completing airman's leadership school. At that time, he had risen to the rank of staff sergeant, and in 2000, he attended the Academy of Military Science where he then commissioned as a second lieutenant. Colonel Annie wore the bars and then the oak leaves and eventually the eagle of a full colonel—pinned on June 3, 2020—a promotion that capped an arc of relentless growth and deep responsibility.

Colonel Annie's career in uniform transcended national borders and demanded mastery of nearly every facet of Air Force support operations. He completed several overseas missions, including to South Korea for Operation Team Spirit and Operation Foad Eagle. In immediate response to the attacks on September 11, 2001, Colonel Annie mobilized for Operation Noble Eagle. In 2009, he deployed to Baghdad as a Coalition Joint Plans Officer with Multi-National Force Iraq, serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Throughout his career, he served as a Transportation Officer, Logistics Readiness Officer, and as a Plans Officer. No matter the time, the place, or the task, Colonel Annie dedicated his life to our great Nation.

After returning from Iraq, Colonel Annie took on installation and security responsibilities at the State headquarters level, then moved into command. As the Force Support Squadron commander of the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg, a strategic airlift unit flying the C-17A Globemaster III, he was responsible for the morale, welfare, and readiness of hundreds of airmen and their families. He then commanded the 167th Mission Support Group, overseeing the broad infrastructure of the wing before being selected as deputy wing commander, where he helped guide more than 1,100 military members in training and worldwide missions. His command career was defined by steadiness, accountability, and genuine care for the people under his charge.