

AN/ALE-47 CMDS. The AN/ALE-47 system dispenses flares that act as decoys to deflect incoming IR-guided missiles away from the aircraft. This system acts as a backup for the AN/AAQ-24 LAIRCM system.

KIV-78 IFF system. The KIV-78 IFF system deployed to identify cooperative, friendly systems.

AN/APX-123A(C) IFF Digital Transponder. The AN/APX-123A is capable of both Mode 5 and Mode S secure modes and provides own ship positional information.

Networked communications radio. Networked communications airborne radio delivers mission-critical capabilities through multiple waveforms, high-speed ability and beyond-line-of-sight connectivity for data, voice, and imagery.

Advanced Digital Antenna Production (ADAP) system antenna electronics and ADAP Controlled Reception Pattern Antenna. ADAP contains a multi-element antenna, digital anti-jam processing, and provides protected GPS.

KIV-7M communications security device. The KIV-7M device provides encryption for high frequency beyond line-of-sight communications.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Singapore can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. The proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outline in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to the Government of Singapore.

#### TRIBUTE TO PATRICIA HARRISON

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Patricia Harrison, president and chief executive officer of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, as she concludes her service at the close of a historic chapter for public media in America.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Harrison ensured that CPB's investments strengthened service to local communities and delivered lasting public value. In Massachusetts, those investments supported some of the Nation's most trusted and innovative public media organizations: advancing education, journalism, and civic engagement.

Under her leadership, CPB supported PBS LearningMedia, expanding online access to high-quality, free educational resources for students, educators, and families across the Commonwealth and the country. CPB also backed children's programming produced in Massachusetts that reflects both educational rigor and creativity, including *Work It Out Wombats!*, *Ruff Ruffman*, and *Molly of Denali*, helping young learners build critical thinking skills

while seeing themselves reflected on screen.

Ms. Harrison also championed Massachusetts-based journalism and documentary storytelling that informs our democracy. CPB's support enabled nationally recognized programming such as *FRONTLINE*, *American Experience*, and *NOVA*, as well as impactful storytelling like "My Home Is Here: Stories from Rural America" and "American Veteran," which elevate voices often overlooked in national discourse.

Across education, civics, journalism, and cultural storytelling, Patricia Harrison led CPB with integrity, accountability, and a clear commitment to the public interest. Her legacy is deeply felt in Massachusetts and across the Nation.

#### TRIBUTE TO VADM NANCY HANN

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Vice Admiral Nancy Hann on the occasion of her retirement. VADM Hann is retiring after more than 30 years of extraordinary service with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA.

After graduating from the University of California San Diego in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in marine science and biology, VADM Hann started her career with NOAA as a fisheries observer. Over time, she expanded her expertise and was later commissioned as an officer in the NOAA Officer Corps, where she served in a variety of capacities. VADM Hann's versatility and dedication to her profession have made her an incomparable asset to NOAA and to the Nation. She later went on to earn a master's in space studies and remote sensing at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and a master of public administration at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Most notably, VADM Hann has served in many operational and top management assignments including her positions as NOAA's Acting Administrator, deputy director of the NOAA Corps and the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations, OMAO, commanding officer of the NOAA Aircraft Operations Center, and NOAA liaison to the U.S. Pacific Command. Most recently, VADM Hann completed a tour as the director of the NOAA Commissioned Officer Corps and is currently the highest-ranking officer in the NOAA Corps.

VADM Hann is a trailblazer in her field. She was she one of the first female officers to qualify as an aircraft commander and the first woman to achieve the rank of vice admiral in the NOAA Corps, as well as one of NOAA's first uncrewed systems operators. She has consistently led by example through her experience, her achievements, and her demonstrated commitment to equitable workplaces. VADM Hann's leadership has left an enduring legacy of professionalism, mentorship, and innovation that will inspire generations to come.

Upon retiring, VADM Hann is closing out an illustrious, awe-inspiring career, one spent in service to research, coastal and marine stewardship, and our Nation. She has dedicated the entirety of her career to principled leadership and environmental conservation, and I thank her for her commitment. I invite my colleagues to join me in thanking VADM Hann for her lifetime of service and to congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement.

#### 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF STRONG

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, nestled among the rugged wilderness of the western Maine mountains, the town of Strong, ME, was incorporated on January 31, 1801. This 225th anniversary is a time to celebrate the spirit of determination and resiliency that still guides the community today.

Strong's incorporation was but one milestone on a long journey of progress. For thousands of years, the abundant forests and waters of the region were the hunting grounds of the Native American Tribes. The very first house that laid the foundation for a permanent community was built in 1780 by a Wabanki known as Pierpole. Drawn by the rich natural resources, other settlers followed, and at the dawn of the 19th century, the town was established by Massachusetts Governor Caleb Strong.

The rich soil supported prosperous farms and the fast-moving Sandy River powered lumber and grain mills. In the years that followed, Strong became a rural industrial powerhouse, including footwear, furniture, textiles, and Maine's first cheese factory. By the mid-20th century, the Forster Manufacturing Company was the world's largest maker of toothpicks, producing some 20 million per day.

The townspeople used their prosperity to build what has been called "the prettiest village in Maine," with handsome homes, churches, and schools. Education remains a center of community life, with the high-performing Strong Elementary School being named a National Blue Ribbon School.

From the American Revolution to our time, Strong has always been a town of patriots, with a veterans memorial paying tribute to those who defend freedom. Among the most illustrious veterans is Lt. James Porter. After graduating from West Point in 1869, he served with the 7th Cavalry in the Reconstruction Era South under George Armstrong Custer and distinguished himself by his courage during the mission to eradicate the Ku Klux Klan. In 1876, he was among the 268 members of the legendary regiment who fell at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

In recent years, the townspeople have worked together to dedicate the Lance Corporal Scott B. Paul Memorial Park in honor of the young marine who fell

in 1992 during the Gulf War. A section of the beautiful park, the Sgt. Richard Parker Memorial Wing, pays tribute to a local hero who made the ultimate sacrifice in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007.

Every summer, the town celebrates its history and community spirit with Pierpole Days, a festival of parades, food, music, and family fun. The 2026 festival will surely be a memorable celebration of the people who for more than two centuries have pulled together, cared for one another, and built a community. I congratulate the town of Strong, ME, on this landmark anniversary.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### RECOGNIZING THE MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD MILITARY AND FAMILY READINESS GROUP

• Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, today I have the honor to recognize the Montana National Guard Military and Family Readiness Group as Montanans of the Month.

For over a century, the Montana National Guard has stood strong in its commitment to serving both State and Nation. The Montana National Guard Military and Family Readiness Program also provides this group of soldiers and airmen with support and specialized programming as they grapple with the unique challenges and sacrifices they and their families face in order to serve our State and Nation.

Today, we recognize them for what they provide to our Montana families: their steadfast care to family wellness. Family programs provided by the Montana National Guard helps families become more resilient so they can thrive by equipping them with the support and resources they need to succeed.

Recently, the Montana Military and Family Readiness Programs, MFRP, received national recognition, finishing tied for first overall in the Nation for fiscal year 2025, according to National Guard Bureau evaluations. Under a rigorous grading system, Montana ranked second in Personnel and fifth in Program Execution, making Montana the only State in the Nation to place in the top five in both categories in the last 2 years.

Josh Jopling, Montana Guard Family Programs director, shared: "What inspires us every day is seeing the direct impact our programs have on families. Supporting them means strengthening the entire Montana National Guard. Our team is honored to serve these families and help ensure our soldiers and airmen can focus on the mission, knowing their loved ones are cared for."

Their efforts big and small make a tremendous impact on this esteemed group of servicemen and women, and their contributions will help Montanan's everywhere.

It is my distinct honor to recognize the Montana Military and Family

Readiness Program for its steadfast dedication and care for the families of those who sacrifice to protect our great State and Nation.●

##### RECOGNIZING SURVIVAL GARDEN SEEDS

• Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, as a member and former chairman of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each month I recognize and celebrate the American entrepreneurial spirit by highlighting the success of a small business in my home State of Idaho. Today, I am proud to honor Survival Garden Seeds in Rigby as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for January 2026.

Jason Spahr and Daryl Ward started Survival Garden Seeds in April 2020 as a way to combat supply chain disruptions and food shortages. The small family business was inspired by the Victory Garden movement of World Wars I and II, which encouraged people to grow food at home to support their communities. As the business grew over the following years, Jason and his wife Arianne assumed leadership, transforming it into the Idaho-based operation it is today. Through Survival Garden Seeds, the couple and their team aim to help people become more self-reliant through gardening.

Starting with just 30 seed varieties in a small facility, Jason and his family handled all packaging and shipping for incoming orders. Thanks to their hard work and long hours, Survival Garden Seeds has grown to 23 employees and now offers over 400 different kinds of seeds.

In the 5 years since its founding, Survival Garden Seeds has evolved into a fully domestic manufacturing business, designing and building its own seed-packing equipment and managing production, packaging, and distribution under one roof. Their in-house process has helped secure partnerships with companies like Walmart and Amazon, fueling business growth, job creation, and greater supply chain reliability.

Survival Garden Seeds places a strong focus on using education to promote gardening techniques for long-term self-reliance. Jason, Arianne, and the team partner with local food banks, community gardens, and missions in Africa to teach sustainable gardening practices. They also regularly offer gardening and homesteading classes to Idahoans throughout the Rigby area.

Congratulations to Survival Garden Seeds and its team on being recognized as the Idaho Small Business of the Month for January 2026. Your dedication to excellence makes Idaho proud, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

##### PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator CORY A. BOOKER, under the authority of S. Res. 116,

112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to Committee on Foreign Relation: Russell Vought, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2027.

##### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2531. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval: Indiana; Huntington County 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Redesignation and Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 12933-02-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2532. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval: New Hampshire; Updates to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 13094-01-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2533. A communication from the Acting Branch Supervisor of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Delegation of Authority for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Ohio; Delegation of Authority" (FRL No. 13131-01-R5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2026; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2534. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad that was declared in Executive Order 14078 of July 19, 2022; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-2535. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the International Criminal Court (ICC) that was declared in Executive Order 14203 of February 6, 2026; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2536. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan that was declared in Executive Order 14064 of February 11, 2022; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2537. A communication from the Senior Bureau Official, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed license amendment for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the Republic of Korea in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more (Transmittal No. DDTC 25-105) received in the Office of the President