

everything from instability in Libya, Syria, and Yemen, to a belligerent North Korea, to a newly aggressive Russia. It is imperative to do what we can now to better position our country to confront challenges currently facing us and to better prepare for those yet to come.

Ensuring military readiness and keeping Americans safe should be a top priority for all of us, so I would encourage my colleagues to put aside partisan politics and work together to bring this NDAA across the finish line this week. We may pass the bill on Friday, we may pass it sooner, but we will pass it this week. So let's all work hard to do so.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate 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.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF NEVADA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 50th anniversary of the American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU, of Nevada.

Since it was established in 1966, the ACLU of Nevada has been dedicated to protecting the civil rights and liberties of all Nevadans. The organization, which was founded in a living room by a group of volunteers, had humble beginnings, but has grown to include 2,000 members throughout the Silver State.

The ACLU of Nevada has been instrumental in defending voting, free speech, and other rights protected by the U.S. and Nevada Constitutions. The organization also works on other issues of importance to Nevadans, including privacy, public education, racial justice, criminal justice reform, and marriage equality. For instance, the ACLU of Nevada's efforts contributed to a successful outcome in the Nevada marriage equality case. Through public education, advocacy, and litigation, the ACLU of Nevada defends and advances the civil rights and liberties of Nevadans.

I commend the ACLU of Nevada for 50 years of exceptional service, and I applaud executive director Tod Story and his dedicated staff for their fine leadership of this organization. As the ACLU of Nevada begins its next chapter in protecting civil liberties in the Silver State, I wish the organization continued success.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CORKER. 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 available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such 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:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Arlington, VA 22202-5408

Hon. BOB CORKER,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 16-17, concerning the Department of the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Australia for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$301 million. After this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

JENNIFER ZAKRISKI,
(For J.W. Rixey, Vice Admiral,
USN, Director.)

Enclosures:

TRANSMITTAL NO. 16-17

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

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Australia.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$216 million
Other \$85 million
Total \$301 million

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to eighty (80) STANDARD Missile, SM-2 Block IIIB Vertical Launching Tactical All-Up Rounds, RIM-66M-09.

Up to fifteen (15) MK 97 SM-2 Block IIIB Guidance Sections (GSs).

Non-MDE: This request also includes the following Non-MDE: MK 13 MOD 0 Vertical Launching System Canisters, operator manuals and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (AMM).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any: AT-P-AYR-28 JUL 10-\$39,499,569, AT-P-LCY-30 APR 05-\$221,521,728, AT-P-GSQ-22 APR 11-\$58,842,285

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(vii) Sales Commission, Fee, etc. Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

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

(ix) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 27, 2016.

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

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Australia-SM-2 Block IIIB STANDARD Missiles

The Government of Australia requested a possible sale of:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to eighty (80) STANDARD Missile, SM-2 Block IIIB Vertical Launching Tactical All-Up Rounds, RIM-66M-09.

Up to fifteen (15) MK 97 SM-2 Block IIIB Guidance Sections (GSs).

This request also includes the following Non-MDE: MK 13 MOD 0 Vertical Launching System Canisters, operator manuals and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services.

The total estimated value of MDE is \$216 million. The total overall estimated value is \$301 million.

Australia is one of the major political and economic powers in Southeast Asia, a key democratic partner of the United States in ensuring regional peace and stability, a close coalition ally in major/lesser regional contingency operations, and a close cooperative and international exchange agreement partner. It is vital to U.S. national interests that Australia develops and maintains a strong and ready self-defense capability. This sale is consistent with U.S. regional objectives.

The SM-2 Block IIIB missiles proposed in this purchase will be used for anti-air warfare test firings during Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials for the Royal Australian Navy's three new Air Warfare Destroyers (AWD) currently under construction. The SM-2 Block IIIB missiles, combined with the Aegis combat systems in the AWDs, will provide significantly enhanced area defense capabilities over critical South East Asian air-and-sea-lines of communication. Australia has already integrated the SM-2 Block IIIA into its Perry-class FFGs and recently upgraded its Intermediate-Level Maintenance Depot at Defense Establishment Orchard Hills with new guided missile test equipment capable of maintaining the SM-2 All-Up Round. Australia will have no difficulty absorbing these new missiles.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be Raytheon Missile Systems Company, Tucson, Arizona; Raytheon Company, Camden, Arkansas; and BAE of Minneapolis and Aberdeen, South Dakota. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. or contractor representatives to Australia.

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

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Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. A completely assembled STANDARD Missile-2 (SM-2) Block IIIB with or without a conventional warhead, whether a tactical, telemetry or inert (training) configuration, is classified CONFIDENTIAL. Missile component hardware includes: Guidance Section (classified CONFIDENTIAL), Target Detection Device (classified CONFIDENTIAL), Warhead (UNCLASSIFIED), Rocket Motor (UNCLASSIFIED), Steering Control Section (UNCLASSIFIED), Safe and Arming Device (UNCLASSIFIED), Autopilot Battery Unit (classified CONFIDENTIAL), and if telemetry missiles, AN/DKT-71 Telemeters (UNCLASSIFIED).

2. SM-2 operator and maintenance documentation is usually CONFIDENTIAL. Shipboard operation/firing guidance is generally CONFIDENTIAL. Pre-firing missile assembly/pedegree information is UNCLASSIFIED.

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 weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

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

CENTENNIAL OF THE WYOMING DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize the Wyoming Dental Association as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. This historic milestone marks the success of the organization's efforts to assist its members in their mission of achieving the highest level of patient care for Wyoming.

Life on the frontier posed many challenges for Wyoming's first dentists. Pioneer practitioners often traveled long distances through rugged terrain to treat their patients. Armed with rudimentary tools, including forceps, pedal-powered drills, and whiskey to kill the pain, these circuit riders treated patients with little or no oversight. Seeing a need for standardization, the Wyoming Legislature created the Wyoming Board of Dental Examiners, which required all practicing dentists to register with the State. In 1916, several licensed dentists joined to form the Wyoming Dental Association, an organization dedicated to supporting the State's dentists. From that day forward, the association's members dedicated themselves toward advancing the practice of dentistry.

Thanks to extensive progress made in technology and medical care, modern oral health care has dramatically improved. Today there are over 500 licensed dentists in Wyoming. Our State's dentists are dedicated to their patients' health, not only providing dental care, but also educating the public on the importance of oral hygiene. Every dentist has adopted a professional code of ethics and works to maintain the highest standards of excellence.

The Wyoming Dental Association is a leader in promoting dental hygiene. Through its dedicated advocacy and leadership, the association collaborates with the Wyoming Legislature, local government agencies, and nonprofit organizations to help the people of Wyoming. Their achievements are impressive.

In particular, dentists around the State volunteered hundreds of hours to

complete Wyoming's oral health initiative, which was designed to gauge the overall dental health of residents. The initiative provided stakeholders with valuable data which led to the development of strategies to improve education and access to care. Thanks to the Wyoming Dental Association's participation in this crucial study, the State is advancing dental health care to new levels of success.

After 100 years, the Wyoming Dental Association is stronger than ever thanks to its incredible leadership. The dedicated efforts of the association's executive director, Diane Bouzis, and its current board of directors continue to improve the services its members receive. Thank you to President Mike Shane, President-elect Dana Leroy, Vice President Lance Griggs, Secretary-Treasurer Deb Shevick, and ADA delegates Rod Hill and Brad Kincheloe. We also acknowledge the hard work of the State's district directors, including Lorraine Gallagher, Brian Cotant, Steve Harmon, Paul Dona, Aaron Taff, and Leslie Basse. These incredible individuals serve the association and their patients with great integrity.

The Wyoming Dental Association is a remarkable organization committed to improving dental health care in all of Wyoming's communities. I am pleased to offer my sincere appreciation to the members of the Wyoming Dental Association as they celebrate their centennial.

TRIBUTE TO CARL GULBRANDSEN

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Carl Gulbrandsen on his retirement from the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, or WARF. After 19 impressive years at the foundation, 16 years as managing director, Carl committed his career to ensuring the success of WARF and its mission to support, aid, and encourage UW-Madison research by protecting its discoveries and licensing them for use around the world.

Carl's journey began when he enlisted in the military during the last years of the Vietnam war. Carl was stationed at a medical post in Germany, leading him to later obtain a Ph.D. in physiology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1978. That same year, he began law school, as his medical background ignited an interest in the law and its impact on medical regulations.

After serving as a litigation lawyer at the firm of Ross and Stevens for several years, Carl decided to expand his legal practice, taking the patent law exam in 1985. Carl's first case secured a patent for vitamin D metabolism, a discovery made by Heinrich Schnoes and Hector DeLuca of UW-Madison's biochemistry department, who went on to become WARF's most prolific patent holder.

Guided by his academic background, Carl's patent litigation career flour-

ished. Carl firmly believed in the "Wisconsin Idea": the scientific research and work done at the University of Wisconsin should benefit the State as a whole. After a decade working in private practice, Carl joined WARF in 1997 as a legal adviser. In 2000, Carl took over as managing director, determined to create a transparent organization known for its deep and broad ranging expertise. Over the last 16 years as managing director, Carl's leadership has often called for grace under fire. In 1998, Dr. James Thomson's breakthrough research on human embryonic stem cells was considered one of the discoveries of the century, while at the same time sparking controversy and debate over the ethics of stem cell use. Carl's leadership ensured WARF's success amidst controversy, allowing researchers to continue their important research. Today, Dr. Thomson's work continues through the nonprofit WiCell Research Institute, which provides stem cell resources to more than 300 labs worldwide, assisting scientists in the discovery of new breakthroughs in stem cell applications.

Under Carl's direction, WARF achieved significant global impact and continues to give back to the UW community and the Wisconsin economy as a whole. Since 2000, WARF's endowment has doubled to \$2.86 billion, enabling it to gift \$895 million to the UW-Madison, ensuring its continued success as a top research institution. Additionally, Carl helped establish WiSys Technology Foundation to guarantee that the impressive scientific advances at campuses throughout the UW System go beyond campus laboratories and into the marketplace.

As his tenure as managing director comes to a close, Carl's work and expertise has firmly established WARF as one of the Nation's most respected scientific organizations. Under his leadership, WARF helped shape stem cell policy, brought forth new cancer therapies, and created countless technologies that will improve and even save lives. Although I am sure he will be missed by colleagues and those whose lives he has impacted, I am excited that he will have the opportunity to pursue other goals. I wish him, his wife, Mary, and their family well as they write the next chapter of their lives.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO DR. JANIE DARR

● Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I honor Rogers School District Superintendent Dr. Janie Darr, who will retire this month after nearly five decades of commitment to education in the community. For more than 40 years, Dr. Darr has served the Rogers School District, beginning as an English teacher in 1967, before working her way up to administrative assistant and eventually superintendent when chosen by the school board in 1999.