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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Mr. WOLF (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

A BILL

To amend title 49, United States Code, to change the membership of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP OF METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Section 49106(c)(1) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) by striking “17 members” and inserting “9 members”; 

(B) in subparagraph (A) by striking “7 members” and inserting “6 members”; 

(C) in subparagraph (B) by striking “4 members” and inserting “1 member”; 

(D) in subparagraph (C) by striking “3 members” and inserting “1 member”; and 

(E) in subparagraph (D) by striking “3 members” and inserting “1 member”; 

(2) in paragraph (3) by striking “except that” and all that follows through “4 years”; 

(3) by striking paragraph (6) and inserting the following:

“(6)(A) In carrying out the duties of the board, a member appointed by the President shall ensure that adequate consideration is given to the national interest.

“(B) A member appointed by the President may be removed by the President for cause. A member appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Governor of Maryland, or the Governor of Virginia may be removed or suspended from office
only for cause and in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction from which the member is appointed.”; and

(4) in paragraph (7) by striking “Ten votes” and inserting “Five votes”.

SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO DISTRICT OF CO-
LUMBIA LAWS GOVERNING METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS AUTHORITY MEM-
BERSHIP.

(a) NUMBER OF MEMBERS.—Section 5(a) of the Dis-
trict of Columbia Regional Airports Authority Act of 1985 (sec. 9–904(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

(1) by striking “13 members” and inserting “9 members”;

(2) by striking “5 appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia” and inserting “6 ap-
pointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia”;

(3) by striking “3 appointed by the Mayor” and inserting “1 appointed by the Mayor”;

(4) by striking “2 appointed by the Governor of the State of Maryland” and inserting “1 appointed by the Governor of the State of Maryland”; and

(5) by striking “3 appointed by the President” and inserting “1 appointed by the President”.

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(b) Votes Required for Approval of Bond Issues and Budget.—Section 5(d) of such Act (sec. 9–904(d), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “Eight affirmative votes” and inserting “Five affirmative votes”.

(c) Removal.—Section 5(e) of such Act (sec. 9–904(e), D.C. Official Code) is amended to read as follows:

“(e)(1) In carrying out the duties of the board, a member appointed by the President shall ensure that adequate consideration is given to the national interest.

“(2) A member appointed by the President may be removed by the President for cause. A member appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Governor of Maryland, or the Governor of Virginia may be removed or suspended from office only for cause and in accordance with the laws of the jurisdiction from which the member is appointed.”.

(d) Prohibiting Continuation of Service After Expiration of Term.—Section 5(g) of such Act (sec. 9–904(g), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking the second sentence and inserting the following: “A member shall not serve after the expiration of the member’s term(s).”.

SEC. 3. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS.

(a) Treatment of Current Members.—The term of an individual serving on the Board of the Metropolitan
Washington Airports Authority the day before the date of enactment of this Act shall expire 90 days after the date of enactment of the Act. An individual may not be reappointed to such Board unless the term of such individual would have continued after the date of such enactment, but for section 1(a).

(b) VIRGINIA MEMBERS.—Notwithstanding section 49106(c)(3) of title 49, United States Code, the Governor of Virginia shall appoint the first 6 members for the following terms:

(1) 2 members for a term of 1 year;

(2) 2 members for a term of 3 years; and

(3) 2 members for a term of 5 years.