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To express the sense of the Senate concerning actions that the President of the United States should take to resolve the dispute between the Air Line Pilots Association and Northwest Airlines.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 2 (legislative day, AUGUST 31), 1998

Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. THOMPSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate concerning actions that the President of the United States should take to resolve the dispute between the Air Line Pilots Association and Northwest Airlines.

Whereas a strike by the Air Line Pilots Association, the union of the pilots of Northwest Airlines, has led to a severe disruption in air service;

Whereas such a strike could result in the loss of employment by tens of thousands of individuals in the United States;

Whereas such a strike affects approximately 11 percent of the domestic airline traffic in the United States;

Whereas such a strike would cause more than 44,000 Northwest Airlines employees to be idle;

Whereas such a strike could affect—

- (1) the livelihood of thousands of other workers employed in airline and airport supply industries; and
- (2) commerce relating to tourism, logistics, and business requiring travel;

Whereas such a strike could cause substantial adverse economic effects in communities of the United States; and

Whereas because nearly 20 percent of the air traffic of Northwest Airlines is in foreign air commerce (as that term is defined in section 40102 of title 49, United States Code), a strike could have an adverse effect with respect to—

- (1) the expansion of the market of United States goods and services in foreign countries; and
- (2) the trading partners of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the President should work in conjunction
3 with the National Mediation Board to facilitate a
4 resolution of the labor dispute between the Air Line
5 Pilots Association and Northwest Airlines; and

6 (2) the President should—

7 (A) immediately after the enactment of
8 this resolution, encourage the settlement of the
9 issues that are the subject of the labor dispute
10 through the use of the services of the National
11 Mediation Board established under section 4 of
12 the Railway Labor Act (45 U.S.C. 154) or an

1 agreement by the parties to the dispute to arbi-
2 trate the issues that are the subject of the labor
3 dispute through the National Mediation Board;
4 and

5 (B) if necessary, establish a board under
6 section 10 of the Railway Labor Act (45 U.S.C.
7 160) to serve as an emergency board to inves-
8 tigate the matter relating to the labor dispute
9 and to make a report to the President in the
10 manner prescribed in that section.

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