

each air carrier subject to the reporting requirement shall specify the reasons for delays or cancellations in all air flights to and from all airports for which the carrier provides service during the period covered by the airport.

LEVIN (AND ABRAHAM)  
AMENDMENT NO. 1899

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. ABRAHAM)) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 82, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . DESIGNATION OF GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT.

Section 47118 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the second sentence of subsection (a), by striking “12” and inserting “15”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(g) DESIGNATION OF GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, at least one of the airports designated under subsection (a) may be a general aviation airport that is a former military installation closed or realigned under a law described in subsection (a)(1).”

ROBB (AND OTHERS) AMENDMENT NO. 1900

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ROBB (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. SARBANES) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 82, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . CURFEW.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any exemptions granted to air carriers under this Act may not result in additional operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

ROBB (AND OTHERS)  
AMENDMENTS NOS. 1901-1902

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, and Ms. MIKULSKI) submitted two amendments intended to be proposed by them to the bill, S. 82, supra; as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 1901

At the appropriate place, insert the following new title:

TITLE —

SEC. .01. GOOD NEIGHBORS POLICY.

(a) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF NOISE MITIGATION EFFORTS BY AIR CARRIERS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Transportation shall collect and publish information provided by air carriers regarding their operating practices that encourage their pilots to follow the Federal Aviation Administration's operating guidelines on noise abatement.

(b) SAFETY FIRST.—The Secretary shall take such action as is necessary to ensure that noise abatement efforts do not threaten aviation safety.

(c) PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.—In publishing information required by this section, the Secretary shall take such action as is necessary to prevent the disclosure of any air carrier's proprietary information.

(d) NO MANDATE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to mandate, or to permit the Secretary to mandate, the use of noise abatement settings by pilots.

SEC. .02. GAO REVIEW OF AIRCRAFT ENGINE NOISE ASSESSMENT.

(a) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study and report to Congress on regulations and activities of the Federal Aviation Administration in the area of aircraft engine noise assessment. The study shall include a review of—

(1) the consistency of noise assessment techniques across different aircraft models and aircraft engines, and with varying weight and thrust settings; and

(2) a comparison of testing procedures used for unmodified engines and engines with hush kits or other quieting devices.

(b) RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FAA.—The Comptroller General's report shall include specific recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration on new measures that should be implemented to ensure consistent measurement of aircraft engine noise.

SEC. .03. GAO REVIEW OF FAA COMMUNITY NOISE ASSESSMENT.

(a) GAO STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study and report to Congress on the regulations and activities of the Federal Aviation Administration in the area of noise assessment in communities near airports. The study shall include a review of whether the noise assessment practices of the Federal Aviation Administration fairly and accurately reflect the burden of noise on communities.

(b) RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FAA.—The Comptroller General's report shall include specific recommendations to the Federal Aviation Administration on new measures to improve the assessment of airport noise in communities near airports.

AMENDMENT NO. 1902

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . LIMITATIONS ON EXEMPTIONS.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no additional operations may be granted for Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport above the level that existed on January 1, 1999.

BAUCUS AMENDMENT NO. 1903

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. BAUCUS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill, S. 82, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section:

SEC. . AUDIT AND INVESTIGATION OF SUFFICIENCY OF INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS OF AIR FLIGHTS.

(a) AUDIT AND INVESTIGATION.—The Inspector General of the Department of Transportation shall conduct an audit and investigation of the sufficiency of information transmitted by air carriers to the Department with respect to delays or cancellations in air flights caused by mechanical failure of aircraft, with special attention to the sufficiency of information on the reasons for such delays or cancellations.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than \_\_\_\_ days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation shall submit a report to Congress setting forth the findings of the audit and investigation conducted under subsection (a).

SNOWE AMENDMENT NO. 1904

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Ms. SNOWE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill, S. 82, supra; as follows:

At the end of title V of the Manager's substitute amendment, add the following:

SEC. . REQUIREMENT TO ENHANCE COMPETITIVENESS OF SLOT EXEMPTIONS FOR REGIONAL JET AIR SERVICE AND NEW ENTRANT AIR CARRIERS AT CERTAIN HIGH DENSITY TRAFFIC AIRPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 417, as amended by sections 507 and 508, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

**§41721. Requirement to enhance competitiveness of slot exemptions for nonstop regional jet air service and new entrant air carriers at certain airports**

“In granting slot exemptions for nonstop regional jet air service and new entrant air carriers under this subchapter to John F. Kennedy International Airport, and La Guardia Airport, the Secretary of Transportation shall require the Federal Aviation Administration to provide commercially reasonable times to takeoffs and landings of air flights conducted under those exemptions.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis for subchapter I of chapter 417, as amended by this title, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“41721. Requirement to enhance competitiveness of slot exemptions for nonstop regional jet air service and new entrant air carriers at certain airports.”

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on October 6, 1999 in SR-328A at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss The Science of Biotechnology and its Potential Applications to Agriculture.

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry will meet on October 7, 1999 in SR-328A at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss The Regulation of Products of Biotechnology and New Challenges Faced By Farmers and Food Business.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREST AND PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the public some changes to the agenda for the hearing that is scheduled before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on Thursday, October 14, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

S. 1331, a bill to give Lincoln County, Nevada, the right to purchase at fair market value certain public land in the county, has been deleted from the agenda; S. 1343, a bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain

National Forest land to Elko County, Nevada, for continued use as a cemetery, has been added to the agenda.

Those who wish to submit written statements should write to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510. For further information, please call Mike Menge at (202) 224-6170.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

#### FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

• Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, the Communist party celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the People's Republic of China on October 1. Unfortunately, many Chinese people had little reason to celebrate. Indeed, this was not a celebration of the Chinese people but an orchestrated celebration of the Communist party—a party of purges.

From the formative decade of Yenan, where the party was headquartered, and Mao Tse-tung soundly crushed challenges to his power, to the killing of hundreds of landlords in the 1950s; to the anti-rightist purging of half a million people following the Hundred Flowers period and during the Great Leap Forward; to the Cultural Revolution, during which millions were murdered or died in confinement; to the massacre at Tiananmen square just ten years ago—the Communist party under Mao Tse-tung and Deng Xiaoping sustained its existence not by the consent of the people, but through the violent elimination of dissent.

Even today, we see the party of purges in action on a daily basis. The Communist party under Jiang Zemin is deeply engaged in a piercing campaign to silence the voices of faith and freedom—to purge from society, anyone they see as a threat to their power. The Chinese government continues to imprison members of the Chinese Democracy Party. In August, the government sentenced Liu Xianbin to thirteen years in prison on charges of subversion. His real crime was his desire for democracy. Another Democracy Party member, Mao Qingxiang, was formally arrested in September after being held in detention since June. He will likely languish in prison for ten years because of his desire to be free. I could go on, but some human rights groups estimate that there could be as many as 10,000 political prisoners suffering in Chinese prisons. The party is determined to purge from society those people it finds unsavory.

And the Chinese government will not tolerate people worshiping outside its official churches. So when it began cracking down on the Falun Gong meditation group, which it considers a cult, the government used this inexcusable action to perpetrate another—an intensified assault on Christians. In August, the government arrested thirty-one Christian house church members in Henan province. Henan province must be a wellspring of faith because over 230 Christians have been arrested there since October. Now I am con-

cerned that eight of these House church leaders may face execution if they are labeled and treated as leaders of a cult. Let me say clearly and unequivocally that the eyes of the international community are watching. I hope that these peaceful people will be released.

In the months leading up to this fiftieth anniversary celebration, everything and everyone were swept aside to cast a glamorous light on the Communist party. But the reality was quite ugly. Hundreds of street children, homeless, and mentally and physically disabled people were rounded up and forced into Custody and Repatriation centers across the country. There they were beaten, they were given poor food in unsanitary conditions, and they had to pay rent.

In fact, only 500,000 carefully selected citizens were allowed to participate in the celebration in Beijing. Non-Beijing residents could not enter the city and migrant workers were sent home. They did not see the Communist Party in all its glory, as it displayed the DF-31 intercontinental ballistic missile and other arms, nor did they see the tanks rolling past Tiananmen Square. And Tibetans in Lhasa, who certainly did not want to celebrate, were forced to participate under threat of losing their pay or their pensions. Mr. President, this was a celebration of the party, not the people.

But this gilded celebration will not obscure the corrosion beneath. We must recognize the nature of this corrupt regime. We must never turn a blind eye or a deaf ear to cries of those suffering in China. We must face reality when we deal with the Chinese government.

So when Time Warner chairman Gerald Levin courts President Jiang Zemin even when Time Magazine's China issue is banned, when our top executives are silent on human rights, when we put profit over principle, we are shielding our eyes from the stark reality of persecution in China. As Ronald Reagan said, ". . . we demean the valor of every person who struggles for human dignity and freedom. And we also demean all those who have given that last full measure of devotion."

It is my sincere hope and desire that in the next fifty years, the Chinese people will truly have something to celebrate. I hope that they will no longer be suppressed by a regime that extracts dissent like weeds from a garden, but that they will be able to enjoy the fruits of a government accountable to the people. I hope that the self-congratulatory shouts of the Communist party will be drowned out by the voices of a free people. •

#### APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives, pursuant to Public Law 104-1, announces the joint appointment of the following individuals as members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance: Alan

V. Friedman, of California; Susan B. Robfogel, of New York; and Barbara Childs Wallace, of Mississippi.

#### ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1999

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 5. I further ask unanimous consent that on Tuesday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume debate on S. 82, the Federal aviation authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess from the hours of 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for the weekly policy conferences to meet.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will resume consideration of the pending amendments to the FAA bill at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

It is hoped those amendments can be debated and disposed of by midmorning so Senators that have amendments can work with the bill managers on a time to offer their amendments. Senators should be aware that rollcall votes are possible Tuesday prior to the 12:30 recess. By previous consent, first-degree amendments to the bill must be filed by 10 a.m. tomorrow. It is the intention of the bill managers to complete action on the bill by tomorrow evening.

As a reminder, there will be three stacked votes on nominations at 2:15 tomorrow.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:40 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, October 5, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate October 4, 1999:

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

ALPHONSO MALDON, JR., OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE FREDERICK F. Y. PANG, RESIGNED.

JOHN K. VERONEAU, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, VICE SANDRA KAPLAN STUART.

##### INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

BILL RICHARDSON, OF NEW MEXICO, TO BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.