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CIVIL AVIATION LEGISLATION ENACTED BY THE EIGHTY-FIRST CONGRESS

First Session

- P. L. 227 *Airports*—To fix the United States share of project costs, under the Federal Airport Act, involved in installation of high intensity lighting on CAA designated instrument landing runways. (S. 1278)
- P. L. 187 *Airports*—To amend the Federal Airport Act so as to provide that minimum rates of wages need be specified only in contracts in excess of \$2,000. (S. 1279)
- P. L. 183 *Airports*—To amend the Federal Airport Act so as to limit to ten per centum any increase of the amount stated as a maximum obligation under a grant agreement. (S. 1280)
- P. L. 382 *Airports*—To reapportion all unexpended funds apportioned for a State, or any portion thereof. The discretionary fund of the Civil Aeronautics Administrator is increased from 25% to 40%. (S. 1284)
- P. L. 224 *Airports*—To authorize progressive partial payments to sponsors from time to time as work progresses on airport construction up to 90% of the Government's share of estimated total project costs. (S. 1285)
- P. L. 298 *Airports*—To authorize the development and improvement of Logan International Airport at Boston, Mass. to be included in the 1950 construction program. (H.J. Res. 338)
- P. C. 311 *Surplus Property at Airports*—To authorize the Administrator to amend deeds to permit municipalities wide latitude in use of surplus structures at airports. Also to sell property at airports not usable for airport purposes. (H.R. 3851)
- P. L. 277 *Air Star Routes*—Authorizes the Postmaster General to award contracts for transportation of mail by aircraft upon star routes. (H.R. 4498)
- P. L. 186 *Transportation of Explosives*—Amend the Civil Aeronautics Act to regulate transportation by air of explosives and other dangerous articles. (S. 447)
- P. L. 167 *NACA*—Authorizes the creation of 10 professional and scientific positions in the headquarters and research stations of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. (H.R. 20)
- P. L. 60 *Guided Missiles*—To authorize the establishment of a joint long range proving ground for guided missiles. (H.R. 1741)
- P. L. 378 *Customs Charges*—Authorizes a raise in the exemption on customs charges of \$100. (H.R. 5268)
- P. L. 35 *Tax on Transportation of Persons*—To maintain the status quo with respect to the exemption, from tax on transportation of persons, of foreign travel via Newfoundland. (H. J. Res. 203)

- P. L. 393 *Wage-Hour*—To raise the minimum wage under the Fair Labor Standards Act from 40¢ to 75¢ per hour, and exempting employees of air carriers who are covered by the Railway Labor Act from the wage-hour provisions. (H.R. 5856)

Second Session

- P. L. 762 *Airports—Washington*—To authorize an appropriation of \$14 million for the Civil Aeronautics Administration to construct and operate a second national airport at Washington, D. C. (S. 456)
- P. L. 445 *Airports*—To authorize grants under the Federal Airport Act for minor projects at major airports. (S. 1282)
- P. L. 463 *Airports*—To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire, construct, operate, and maintain public airports in certain areas. (S. 1283)
- P. L. 846 *Airports*—To extend for a period of 5 years the time for appropriating and expending funds to carry out the Federal Airport Act. (June 30, 1958 instead of June 30, 1953) (S. 2875)
- P. L. 670 *CAA Personnel*—To authorize the Civil Aeronautics Administration to detail its employees to technical schools for advanced specialized training. (S. 4)
- P. L. 858 *Administrator Delegate Authority*—Authorizes the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics to delegate to private persons certain duties and authority. (S. 450)
- P. L. 635 *False Marking of Aircraft*—To provide penalties for false marking of aircraft or use of fraudulent air certificates. (S. 3377)
- P. L. 778 *Air Security*—To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to set up regulations governing the use of air space, classify air traffic, and otherwise provide identification machinery. (S. 3395)
- P. L. 735 *Overtime*—To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to furnish, upon a reimbursable basis, certain inspection services involving overtime work. (S. 3698)
- P. L. 867 *Prototype Aircraft Development*—To authorize \$12,500,000 for a 5-year program for testing and modifying of types of transport aircraft by the Civil Aeronautics Administration. (S. 3504)
- P. L. 664 *Quarantine*—To authorize the Dept. of Agriculture to follow practices under the Air Commerce Act to provide for animal and plant quarantine law applicable to air navigation. (S. 442)
- P. L. 734 *Social Security*—Among other things, this Act extends coverage to U.S. citizens employed outside the U.S. by an American employer, and also to foreign individuals employed as members of flight crews on American aircraft on flights which touch the United States. (H.R. 6000)

- P. L. 814 *Revenue Act of 1950 . . . Section 607*—To render subject to transportation tax amounts paid outside the U.S. for transportation of persons which begins and ends in the U.S., or for the transportation of property from one point in the U.S. to another . . . *Section 609*—To remove the discrimination presently existing against aircraft as compared with surface ships, in the application of the manufacturers' excise taxes. (See ATA Memo. No. 65—H. R. 8920)
- P. L. 774 *Defense Production Act of 1950*—To establish a system of priorities and allocations for materials and facilities . . . , provide for price and wage stabilization . . . necessary for the national security. (H.R. 9176)
- P. L. 831 *Internal Security Law (McCarran Act)*—To protect the internal security of the United States by deporting subversive aliens. *Note:* The Immigration Act of 1917 carries an amendment which imposes heavy penalty on a carrier regarding the deportation of subversive aliens. If such aliens are deported within 5 years of their arrival in this country, the carrier which brought them must take them back to their homes free of charge, even though the alien held a valid visa issued by a U.S. consul abroad. *Note:* The Air Transport Association endeavored to amend the bill to provide that no fine incident to such deportation should be assessed against the owners of transportation lines bringing into or deporting from the U.S., any alien, if, at the time of foreign embarkation such alien held an unexpired visa issued by a U.S. consul. This amendment, although adopted by the Senate, was rejected in the conference report. (H.R. 9490) Passed over Presidential veto.
- P. L. 909 *Excess Profits Tax Act of 1950*—To provide revenue by imposing a corporate excess profits tax commencing July 1, 1950 and terminating June 30, 1953.—Among other things, this Act contains a section (Sec. 454) exempting airlines from the tax if, after excluding mail compensation from their income, and taking the excess profits tax credit provided in the Act, there remains no income subject to the tax. (H.R. 9827) (See ATA Memo. No. 1, dated Jan. 2, 1951)
- P. L. 912 *Airports*—To amend the Federal Airport Act so as to make the United States share of costs for land acquisition the same as for other project costs. (S. 1281)
- P. L. 914 *Railway Labor Act Deduction From Wages*—To amend the Railway Labor Act and to authorize agreements providing for union membership and agreements for deductions from the wages of carriers' employees for certain purposes and under certain conditions. (S. 3295)