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Aviation Competition Restoration Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hollings, Ernest F. [D-SC]

Party: Democratic • State: SC • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Feb 28, 2001
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Feb 28, 2001
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Feb 28, 2001
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 13, 2001
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 13, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Dec 20, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Aviation Competition Restoration Act - Requires the Secretary of Transportation to investigate the assignment and usage of gates, facilities, and other assets by major air carriers at the largest 35 U.S. airports in terms of air passenger emplanements. Directs the Secretary to require a major air carrier to make gates, facilities, and other assets available to other carriers on terms that are fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory to ensure competitive access to such airports if, based on such investigation, the Secretary determines that they are not available and that competition would be enhanced at those airports.

Makes it an unfair method of competition in air transportation for a dominant air carrier at a dominated hub airport to: (1) fail to utilize gates, facilities, and other assets fully at that airport; and (2) refuse, deny, or fail to provide a gate, facility, or other underutilized asset at such airport to another carrier on fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory terms upon the request of the airport, the other air carrier, or the Secretary. Requires the Secretary to ensure that gates and other facilities are available on fair and reasonable terms to air carriers at covered airports where a 'majority-in-interest clause' of a contract or other agreement or arrangement inhibits the ability of the local airport authority to provide or build new gates or essential facilities.

Authorizes the Secretary to make airport improvement program grants for gates, related facilities, and other assets to enhance and increase competition among air carriers for passenger air transportation.

Authorizes appropriations for FY 2002 from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 19, 2001:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Hollings with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-130.
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- **Dec 19, 2001:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 300.
- **Mar 15, 2001:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Mar 13, 2001:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 107-1130.
- **Feb 28, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 28, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1708)
- **Feb 28, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1708-1710)