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Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act

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Rep. Barcia, James A. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jun 26, 2002
Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Jul 8, 2002

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 8, 2002
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Reported by	Jun 19, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 5005	Related bill	Nov 25, 2002: Became Public Law No: 107-296.
107 HR 5710	Related bill	Nov 14, 2002: Received in the Senate.
107 HRES 472	Procedurally related	Jul 10, 2002: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
107 S 2546	Identical bill	Jun 4, 2002: Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation by unanimous consent.
107 S 2554	Related bill	May 23, 2002: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure as introduced: CR S4842-4843)

Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act - Amends Federal law to direct the Under Secretary of Transportation for Security (in the Transportation Security Administration) to establish a two-year pilot program to: (1) deputize volunteer pilots of air carriers as Federal law enforcement officers to defend the flight decks of aircraft against acts of criminal violence or air piracy (Federal flight deck officers); and (2) provide training, supervision, and equipment for such officers.

(Sec. 2) Requires the Under Secretary to begin the process of training and deputizing qualified pilots to be Federal flight deck officers under the program. Allows the Under Secretary to request another Federal agency to deputize such officers.

Directs the Under Secretary to authorize flight deck officers to carry firearms and to use force, including lethal force, according to standards and circumstances the Under Secretary prescribes. Shields air carriers from liability for damages in Federal or State court arising out of a Federal flight deck officer's use of or failure to use a firearm. Shields flight deck officers from liability for acts or omissions in defending the flight deck of an aircraft against acts of criminal violence or air piracy, except in cases of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

Declares that if an accidental discharge of a firearm results in the injury or death of a passenger or crew member on the aircraft, the Under Secretary: (1) shall revoke the deputization of the responsible Federal flight deck officer if such discharge was attributable to the officer's negligence; and (2) may temporarily suspend the pilot program if the Under Secretary determines that a shortcoming in standards, training, or procedures was responsible for the accidental discharge.

Prohibits an air carrier from prohibiting or threatening any retaliatory action against a pilot for becoming a Federal flight deck officer.

Declares the sense of Congress that the Federal air marshal program is critical to aviation security, and that nothing in this Act shall be construed as preventing the Under Secretary from implementing and training Federal air marshals.

(Sec. 3) Directs the Under Secretary, in updating the guidance for training flight and cabin crews, to issue a rule to: (1) require both classroom and effective hands-on situational training in specified elements of self-defense; (2) require training in the proper conduct of a cabin search, including the duty time required to conduct it; (3) establish the required number of hours of training and the qualifications for training instructors; (4) establish the intervals, number of hours, and elements of recurrent training; and (5) ensure that air carriers provide the initial training within 24 months of the enactment of this Act. Directs the Under Secretary to designate an official in the Transportation Security Administration to be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the training program.

Amends the Aviation and Transportation Security Act to authorize the Under Secretary to take certain enhanced security measures, including to require that air carriers provide flight attendants with a discreet, hands-free, wireless method of communicating with the pilot of an aircraft.

Directs the Under Secretary to study and report to Congress on the benefits and risks of providing flight attendants with nonlethal weapons to aide in combating air piracy and criminal violence on commercial airlines.

(Sec. 4) Directs the Secretary of Transportation to study and report within six months to Congress on: (1) the number of armed Federal law enforcement officers (other than Federal air marshals) who travel on commercial airliners annually, and the frequency of their travel; (2) the cost and resources necessary to provide such officers with supplemental aircraft anti-terrorism training comparable to the training that Federal air marshals receive; (3) the cost of establishing a program at a Federal law enforcement training center for the purpose of providing new Federal law enforcement recruits with

standardized training comparable to Federal air marshal training; (4) the feasibility of implementing a certification program designed to ensure Federal law enforcement officers have completed aircraft anti-terrorism training, and track their travel over a six-month period; and (5) the feasibility of staggering the flights of such officers to ensure the maximum amount of flights have a certified trained Federal officer on board.

(Sec. 5) Amends Federal aviation law to require the Under Secretary to respond within 90 days of receiving a request from an air carrier for authorization to allow pilots of the air carrier to carry less-than-lethal weapons.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 15, 2002:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 494.
- **Jul 11, 2002:** Received in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** Rule H. Res. 472 passed House.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 472. (consideration: CR H4440-4471; text of measure as reported in House: CR H4448-4450)
- **Jul 10, 2002:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4635 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 107-555, Pt.1). Measure will be considered read. Bill is open to amendments.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 472 and Rule XXIII.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Ray LaHood to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 4635.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Mica amendment, as modified, under the five-minute rule.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the DeFazio amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the DeFazio amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Barton demanded a recorded vote pending the absence of a quorum and pursuant to the rule, the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.
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- **Jul 10, 2002:** DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Hostettler amendment under the five-minute rule.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 4635.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 310 - 113 (Roll no. 292).
- **Jul 10, 2002:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 310 - 113 (Roll no. 292).
- **Jul 10, 2002:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 10, 2002:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 4635.
- **Jul 9, 2002:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 472 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4635

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- **Jul 9, 2002:** Committee on Judiciary discharged.
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- **Jul 9, 2002:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 334.
- **Jul 8, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
- **Jul 8, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 107-555, Part I.
- **Jul 8, 2002:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 107-555, Part I.
- **Jul 8, 2002:** Referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than July 9, 2002 for consideration of such provisions of the bill and amendment as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k) of rule X.
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 26, 2002:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended).
- **Jun 19, 2002:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 19, 2002:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 19, 2002:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended).
- **May 2, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **May 1, 2002:** Introduced in House
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- **May 1, 2002:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.