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S 1657

A bill to amend section 44921 of title 49, United States Code, to provide for the arming of cargo pilots against terrorism.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Sep 25, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation. (Nov 13, 2003) Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/1657

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Bunning, Jim [R-KY]

Party: Republican • State: KY • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Sep 25, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 3262	Identical bill	Oct 9, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

Summary (as of Nov 10, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Declares the sense of Congress that members of a flight deck crew of a cargo aircraft should be armed with a firearm and taser to defend the cargo aircraft against an attack by terrorists that could result in the aircraft's use as a weapon of mass destruction or for other terrorist purposes.

Amends Federal transportation law to expand the Federal flight deck officer program (providing for the arming of pilots of passenger aircraft) to include pilots of cargo aircraft.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 13, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- Nov 12, 2003: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Nov 12, 2003: Received in the House.
- Nov 12, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
- Nov 10, 2003: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S14378; text as passed Senate: S14378)
- Nov 10, 2003: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S14378; text as passed Senate: S14378)
- Sep 26, 2003: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 293.
- Sep 25, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Sep 25, 2003: Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.