

S 3661

Wright Amendment Reform Act of 2006

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]

Party: Republican • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cornyn, John [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 13, 2006
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Jul 13, 2006
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Jul 13, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 1, 2006
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Oct 19, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 6228	Related bill	Sep 28, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
109 HR 5830	Related bill	Sep 15, 2006: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 395.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on September 29, 2006. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Wright Amendment Reform Act of 2006 - Amends the International Air Transportation Competition Act of 1979, with respect to provisions concerning air transportation to or from Love Field, Texas (the Wright Amendment), to authorize domestic air carriers and foreign air carriers (with respect to foreign air transportation) to offer for sale and provide through service and ticketing air transportation to or from Love Field, Texas, and any U.S. or foreign destination through any point within Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Alabama (effectively expanding domestic and foreign air service to and from Love Field, Texas). Terminates the Wright Amendment eight years after enactment of this Act.

Prohibits: (1) a person from providing nonstop air passenger service between Love Field, Texas, and any point or points outside the 50 states or the District of Columbia; and (2) a federal official or employee from designating Love Field, Texas, as an initial point of entry into the United States or a last point of departure from the United States.

Limits charter flights at Love Field, Texas, to: (1) destinations within the 50 states and the District of Columbia; and (2) no more than 10 per month per air carrier for charter flights beyond the states of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Alabama. Requires air carriers, with specified exceptions, who lease gate space for flights to and from Love Field, Texas, to depart from and arrive at such gates. Authorizes operators of charter flights from Love Field, Texas, who do not lease gate space to depart from nonterminal facilities or one of the terminal gates at Love Field, Texas.

Requires the city of Dallas, Texas, to reduce the number of gates available for air service at Love Field, Texas, to no more than 20 gates (with a limit thereafter not to exceed a maximum of 20 gates). Prohibits federal funds or passenger facility charges from being used to remove gates at the Lemmon Avenue facility, Love Field, in order to reduce the number of gates, but permits the use of such amounts for other airport facilities.

Prohibits anything in this Act from affecting general aviation service at Love Field, Texas.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 13, 2006:** Signed by President.
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- **Oct 13, 2006:** Became Public Law No: 109-352.
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- **Oct 3, 2006:** Presented to President.
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- **Sep 29, 2006:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S10523-10525; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR S10523-10524)
- **Sep 29, 2006:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Mr. Mica moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8002-8011)
- **Sep 29, 2006:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 3661.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8026)
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 386 - 22 (Roll no. 515).(text: CR H8002-8003)
- **Sep 29, 2006:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 386 - 22 (Roll no. 515). (text: CR H8002-8003)
- **Sep 29, 2006:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Aug 1, 2006:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Stevens with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 109-317.
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- **Aug 1, 2006:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 563.
- **Jul 19, 2006:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Jul 13, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jul 13, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.