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European Union Emissions Trading Scheme Prohibition Act of 2011

Congress: 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 112-200. (Nov 27, 2012)

Law: 112-200 (Enacted Nov 27, 2012)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/1956>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

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

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Dec 13, 2011
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Dec 15, 2011
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Dec 16, 2011
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Jan 26, 2012
Sen. Johanns, Mike [R-NE]	R · NE		Feb 29, 2012
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 6, 2012
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Mar 8, 2012
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Jun 12, 2012
Sen. Hutchison, Kay Bailey [R-TX]	R · TX		Jun 13, 2012
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 25, 2012
Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL]	D · FL		Jul 23, 2012
Sen. Hagan, Kay R. [D-NC]	D · NC		Jul 30, 2012

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 2, 2012
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Dec 20, 2012

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 2594	Related bill	Dec 17, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Summary (as of Nov 27, 2012)

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on September 22, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

European Union Emissions Trading Scheme Prohibition Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) to prohibit an operator of a U.S. civil aircraft from participating in any emissions trading scheme unilaterally established by the European Union in EU Directive 2003/87/EC of October 13, 2003, in any case in which the Secretary determines such prohibition to be in the public interest, taking into account the impacts on: (1) U.S. consumers, U.S. carriers, and U.S. operators; (2) the economic, energy, and environmental security of the United States; and (3) U.S. foreign relations, including existing international commitments. Requires the Secretary to hold a public hearing at least 30 days before imposing any such prohibition.

Authorizes the Secretary to reassess such a determination at any time. Requires the Secretary to reassess such a determination after: (1) any amendment by the European Union to such Directive, (2) the adoption of any international agreement concerning a worldwide approach to address aircraft emissions, or (3) the enactment of a public law or issuance of a final rule after formal agency rulemaking in the United States to address aircraft emissions.

Provides that the Secretary, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and other appropriate U.S. government officials should use their authority to conduct international negotiations, including negotiations to pursue a worldwide approach to address aircraft emissions, including the environmental impact of aircraft emissions. Requires such officials to take other actions under existing authorities that are in the public interest and that are necessary to hold operators of U.S. civil aircraft harmless from any such scheme. Prohibits such actions from including the obligation or expenditure of any amounts in the Airport and Airway Trust Fund or amounts otherwise made available to DOT or any other federal agency pursuant to appropriations Acts for the payment of any tax or penalty imposed on an operator of U.S. civil aircraft pursuant to such scheme.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 27, 2012:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 27, 2012:** Became Public Law No: 112-200.
- **Nov 16, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 13, 2012:** Mr. Mica moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Nov 13, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6330-6334)
- **Nov 13, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 1956.
- **Nov 13, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H6330-6331)
- **Nov 13, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6330-6331)
- **Nov 13, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 25, 2012:** Received in the House.
- **Sep 25, 2012:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 24, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 22, 2012:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR 9/21/2012 S6611-6612; text of measure as reported in Senate: CR 9/21/2012 S6611)
- **Sep 22, 2012:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 22, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR 9/21/2012 S6612)
- **Sep 22, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR 9/21/2012 S6612)
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Rockefeller with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 112-195.
- **Aug 2, 2012:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 484.
- **Jul 31, 2012:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Dec 7, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 7, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.