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Ensuring Health Safety in the Skies Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MA • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 11, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Reported By	Aug 6, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7177	Related bill	Aug 1, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security.
116 HR 2	Related bill	Jul 20, 2020: Received in the Senate.

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This bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Health and Human Services to form a joint task force on air travel during and after the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency.

The task force must develop recommended requirements, plans, and guidelines to address the health, safety, security, and logistical issues relating to the continuation of air travel during the COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as the resumption of full operations at airports and increased passenger air travel after the COVID-19 public health emergency ends.

DOT must establish a joint federal advisory committee to advise the task force to include developing and submitting policy recommendations to the task force regarding the recommended requirements, plans, and guidelines that the task force must develop.

Additionally, DOT must publish the policy recommendations on a publicly accessible website.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 1, 2020:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Received in the House.
- **Oct 1, 2020:** Held at the desk.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S6002-6003)
- **Sep 30, 2020:** The committee substitute withdrawn by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** The committee amendment to the title agreed to by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 30, 2020:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S5997-5998)
- **Aug 6, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Wicker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. With written report No. 116-246.
- **Aug 6, 2020:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 508.
- **May 20, 2020:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **May 11, 2020:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 11, 2020:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.