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DCA Act

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Jun 13, 2023
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Ossoff, Jon [D-GA]	D · GA		Jun 21, 2023
Sen. Romney, Mitt [R-UT]	R · UT		Jun 21, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 13, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 3185	Related bill	May 11, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

Direct Capital Access Act or the DCA Act

This bill increases the number of daily round-trip flights allowed at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA).

Specifically, this bill adds 56 new slots at DCA to allow for 28 additional daily round-trip flights. (Airlines flying to and from DCA are subject to slot and perimeter rules set by federal law and regulation. The slot rules determine the total number of flight slots that can be handled in a given time period. In addition, a statutory perimeter rule limits nonstop flights to a 1,250-mile radius unless they are granted an exemption in law.)

Current law limits DCA to a maximum of 67 hourly slots for flights both within- and beyond-perimeter; a round-trip flight serving DCA requires two slots (or a slot pair). Of those slots, 40 daily slots are exempt from the perimeter rule.

Under the bill's slot increase, operations at DCA may not increase by more than eight flights per hour.

Actions Timeline

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