

One Hundred Third Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three*

An Act

To amend the Airport and Airway Safety, Capacity, Noise Improvement, and Intermodal Transportation Act of 1992 with respect to the establishment of the National Commission to Ensure a Strong Competitive Airline Industry.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. NATIONAL COMMISSION TO ENSURE A STRONG COMPETITIVE AIRLINE INDUSTRY.

(a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—Paragraph (1) of subsection (e) of section 204 of the Airport and Airway Safety, Capacity, Noise Improvement, and Intermodal Transportation Act of 1992 (49 U.S.C. App. 1371 note) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Commission shall be composed of 15 voting members and 11 nonvoting members as follows:

“(A) 5 voting members and 1 nonvoting member appointed by the President.

“(B) 3 voting members and 3 nonvoting members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

“(C) 2 voting members and 2 nonvoting members appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives.

“(D) 3 voting members and 3 nonvoting members appointed by the majority leader of the Senate.

“(E) 2 voting members and 2 nonvoting members appointed by the minority leader of the Senate.”.

(b) QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS.—Paragraph (2) of subsection (e) of such section is amended to read as follows:

“(2) QUALIFICATIONS.—Voting members appointed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be appointed from among individuals who are experts in aviation economics, finance, international trade, and related disciplines and who can represent airlines, passengers, shippers, airline employees, aircraft manufacturers, general aviation, and the financial community.”.

(c) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Paragraph (5) of subsection (e) of such section is amended by striking “sections 5702 and 5703” and inserting “subchapter I of chapter 57”.

(d) CHAIRMAN.—Paragraph (6) of subsection (e) of such section is amended to read as follows:

“(6) CHAIRMAN.—The President, in consultation with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the majority leader of the Senate, shall designate the Chairman of the Commission from among its voting members.”.

(e) COMMISSION PANELS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Such section is further amended by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection:

“(f) COMMISSION PANELS.—The Chairman shall establish such panels consisting of voting members of the Commission as the Chairman determines appropriate to carry out the functions of the Commission.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsections (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) of such section are redesignated as subsections (g), (h), (i), (k), (l), and (m), respectively.

(f) STAFF AND OTHER SUPPORT.—Such section is further amended by inserting after subsection (i) (as redesignated by subsection (e)(2) of this section) the following new subsection:

“(j) STAFF AND OTHER SUPPORT.—Upon the request of the Commission or a panel of the Commission, the Secretary of Transportation shall provide the Commission or panel with staff and other support to assist the Commission or panel in carrying out its responsibilities.”.

(g) REPORT.—Subsection (l) of such section (as redesignated by subsection (e)(2) of this section) is amended by striking “6 months” and inserting “90 days”.

(h) TERMINATION.—Subsection (m) of such section (as redesignated by subsection (e)(2) of this section) is amended—

(1) by striking “180th day” and inserting “30th day”; and

(2) by striking “subsection (j)” and inserting “subsection (l)”.

(i) COMMISSION EXPENDITURES.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(n) COMMISSION EXPENDITURES.—Amounts expended to carry out this section shall not be considered expenses of advisory committees for purposes of section 312 of the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993.”.

(j) PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED MEMBERS.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(o) PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED MEMBERS.—Any appointment made to the Commission before the date of the enactment of this subsection shall not be effective after such date of enactment.”.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*