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Expressing the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Transportation should exercise reasonable judgment in promulgating regulations relating to airline flights and should rescind the directive to establish peanut-free zones on airline flights.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 11, 1998

Mr. COVERDELL (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas policies of the Federal Government should recognize that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has determined that $\frac{1}{10}$ of 1 percent of the population of the United States is allergic to peanuts;

Whereas the Secretary of Transportation has issued a directive to establish peanut-free zones on domestic airline flights;

Whereas establishing peanut-free zones is an excessive regulation to that important problem;

Whereas that directive unfairly singles out 1 product while ignoring all other allergens;

Whereas that directive subrogates the rights of the 99.9 percent of the traveling public who are not allergic to peanuts;

Whereas the Secretary of Transportation states in that directive that the only danger to allergenic passengers is accidental ingestion of peanuts;

Whereas establishing a precedent for peanut-free zones in airplanes might needlessly establish allergen-free zones for all public transportation, including buses, trains, subways, and cable cars; and

Whereas the Secretary of Transportation should rescind the directive that requires major United States air carriers to reserve up to 3 rows on airplanes for people who are allergic to peanuts: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that the Sec-
- 3 retary of Transportation should rescind the directive per-
- 4 taining to peanut-free zones on airline flights.

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