

“(C) IMPLEMENTATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Pilot’s Bill of Rights 2, the Administrator shall promulgate regulations or guidance to ensure compliance with this section.

“(2) COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTORS.—

“(A) Compliance with this section by a contract tower or other contractor of the Administration that maintains covered flight records shall be included as a material term in any contract between the Administration and the contract tower or contractor entered into or renewed on or after the date of enactment of the Pilot’s Bill of Rights 2.

“(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to any contract or agreement in effect on the date of enactment of the Pilot’s Bill of Rights 2 unless the contract or agreement is renegotiated, renewed, or modified after that date.”

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The table of contents for chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 47124 the following:

“47124a. Accessibility of certain flight data.”

SEC. 7. AUTHORITY FOR LEGAL COUNSEL TO ISSUE CERTAIN NOTICES.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall revise section 13.11 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, to authorize legal counsel of the Federal Aviation Administration to close enforcement actions covered by that section with a warning notice, letter of correction, or other administrative action.

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, first of all, let me thank the Senator from Connecticut, because it is complicated. This is something that—it is also very difficult to actually explain a bill to 69 people and get that many cosponsors. But it is something we have been concerned about for a long time. Ten years ago, on the light aircraft, we actually had this language—even stronger than it is now. In that period of time, there hasn’t been one accident that can be related to a third-class medical. I think the time has proven itself in 10 years.

To respond, I would be very happy to work with the Senator from Connecticut on problems that may rise that I don’t envision right now. I appreciate very much his cooperation and also his staying around this late at night.

Thank you so much.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING MEGHAN ABLES

• Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, today I wish to pay tribute to an outstanding Arkansas educator, Meghan Ables, who was named the 2016 Arkansas Teacher of the Year.

In nearly 13 years of teaching, Meghan’s work in the classroom has made a difference in the lives of students in the Stuttgart School District. While she has taught a variety of subjects at Stuttgart High School, she currently serves as an English and journalism teacher. She has added reading and writing opportunities at the school by reestablishing its monthly magazine, *The Bird Banner*, and helping launch its studio, *Ricebird Television*.

Meghan challenges her students to use their skills to improve their community. Her journalism class partnered with Arkansas Children’s Hospital as well as the local police and fire departments to raise awareness about safe driving.

Meghan’s commitment to education also inspires those who work with her to do their best to encourage further development in the classroom. She has led professional development activities for using literacy techniques in the classroom, presented for the Literacy Design Collaborative, LDC, and provided Teacher Excellence and Support System, TESS, training to her colleagues.

The Arkansas Teacher of the Year program, part of the National Teacher of the Year program, recognizes teachers around the State for their teaching excellence. This truly is a major accomplishment in Meghan’s career and something for which she can be very proud. Her outstanding contributions to education, the Stuttgart School District, and her students proves she is well deserving of this recognition.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Meghan Ables for her determination, devotion, and commitment to her students and to education. I am encouraged by her efforts to inspire our next generation of leaders and her drive to help them succeed.●

TRIBUTE TO JOE SIMON, JR.

• Ms. HEITKAMP. Mr. President, today I would like to honor a North Dakotan who is among the longest serving fire department volunteers in my State, keeping his community safe from fires and other threats for more than 65 years. That is a rare distinction in public service. The name Joe Simon, Jr., of Thompson, ND, has been on the volunteer firefighters’ roster since his high school days when his father was fire chief.

Joe served for 36 years as the chief of the Thompson Fire Department. During that time, it was Joe’s responsibility to keep the department fully staffed, manage training and medical duties, and work on grants to help keep the department running. Though Joe has retired as chief, he is still actively involved with department, helping with monthly checks of equipment and going on fire calls.

According to his friend, George Hoselton, it was under Joe’s leadership that the Thompson Fire Department

got its first set of the Jaws of Life rescue system—a major purchase for a volunteer department. After a college student died in an accident along the highway near Thompson because no Jaws of Life were available, Joe led door-to-door fundraising efforts to buy the lifesaving equipment. The community, today comprised of just a thousand North Dakotans, contributed enough money that the Thompson Fire Department was able to purchase the Jaws of Life and a rescue vehicle needed to carry the Jaws of Life and other equipment, says George. And that is what Joe is best at: working hard, bringing folks together, and making his community safer.

Joe’s volunteerism at the Thompson Fire Department over more than 60 years has made the department a model for other communities around the State and country. Thompson Fire Department has taught classes to share its practices with other fire departments in the region and has long led the way in improving its volunteers’ skills and safety. Under Joe’s leadership, the department secured one of the earliest automatic defibrillators in the State of North Dakota. Joe also helped get medical first response units up and running at other volunteer departments in the region and was instrumental in getting 911 and emergency first responder radio systems set up in Grand Forks County. Service is a way of life in Joe’s family. His wife, Sue, has been an EMT with the Thompson Fire Department for 27 years, which puts her in second place in seniority.

After studying at the University of North Dakota, Joe has spent his life in Thompson helping to grow and support the community in many ways. For 36 years, he worked as the head of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Grand Forks. Outside of his firefighting duties, Joe has been actively involved in American Legion baseball, Thompson High School football, and almost any other sporting event in town. Every Memorial Day, Joe puts out flags in nearby cemeteries, and reads a list of the honored dead—all of the veterans buried at four cemeteries around Thompson.

Friend and fellow firefighter George says that Joe “gets the biggest smile on his face when he helps someone. That makes his day.”

Volunteers make up 96 percent of North Dakota’s firefighters. They have other jobs but continue to give back, building stronger and safer communities and supporting the very fabric of our State. North Dakotans know that each of us has to step in to help our family and neighbors during tough times, and our first responders know that better than most. It is North Dakotans like Joe who epitomize why our State is such a unique and wonderful place filled with dedicated individuals who put others before themselves.

Thank you, Joe, for your tremendous service to your community and for your tireless efforts to keep communities throughout North Dakota safe.●