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#### FAA AUTHORIZATION EXTENSION ACT

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. 1916 introduced earlier by Senator McCAIN.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1916) to extend certain expiring Federal Aviation Administration authorizations for a 6-month period, and for other purposes.

Mr. LEAHY. Reserving the right to object, I do not intend to. Is this the FAA extension?

Mr. GRASSLEY. It is a 6-month extension.

Mr. LEAHY. I have no objection.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read for a third time, passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

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

The bill (S. 1916) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1916

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "FAA Authorization Extension Act."

#### SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, ETC.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 48103 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "\$2,410,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999," and inserting "\$1,237,500,000 for the 6-month period ending March 31, 2000."

(b) OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY.—Section 47104(c) of such title is amended by striking "September 30, 1999," and inserting "March 31, 2000."

#### SEC. 3. EXEMPTION FOR AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION OR DISPOSAL, SCHEDULED HEAVY MAINTENANCE, OR LEASING RELATED FLIGHTS.

Section 47528 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "subsection (b)" in subsection (a) and inserting "subsection (b) or (f)";

(2) by adding at the end of subsection (e) the following:

"(4) An air carrier operating Stage 2 aircraft under this subsection may transport Stage 2 aircraft to or from the 48 contiguous States on a non-revenue basis in order—

"(A) to perform maintenance (including major alterations) or preventative maintenance on aircraft operated, or to be operated, within the limitations of paragraph (2)(B); or

"(B) conduct operations within the limitations of paragraph (2)(B)."; and

(3) adding at the end thereof the following:

"(f) AIRCRAFT MODIFICATIONS, DISPOSAL, SCHEDULED HEAVY MAINTENANCE, OR LEASING.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall permit a person to operate after December 31, 1999, a Stage 2 aircraft in nonrevenue service through the airspace of the United States or to or from an airport in the contiguous 48 States in order to—

"(A) sell, lease, or use the aircraft outside the contiguous 48 States;

"(B) scrap the aircraft;

"(C) obtain modifications to the aircraft to meet Stage 3 noise levels;

"(D) perform scheduled heavy maintenance or significant modifications on the aircraft at a maintenance facility located in the contiguous 48 States;

"(E) deliver the aircraft to an operator leasing the aircraft from the owner or return the aircraft to the lessor;

"(F) prepare or park or store the aircraft in anticipation of any of the activities described in subparagraphs (A) through (E); or

"(G) divert the aircraft to an alternative airport in the contiguous 48 States on account of weather, mechanical, fuel, air traffic control, or other safety reasons while conducting a flight in order to perform any of the activities described in subparagraphs (A) through (F).

"(2) PROCEDURES TO BE PUBLISHED.—The Secretary shall establish and publish, not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of the FAA Authorized Extension Act, a procedure to implement paragraph (1) of this subsection through the use of categorical waivers, ferry permits, or other means."

#### SEC. 4. NOISE STANDARDS FOR EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 47528(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting "(for which an airworthiness certificate other than an experimental certificate has been issued by the Administrator)" after "civil subsonic turbojet".

"(b) FAR MODIFIED.—The Federal Aviation Regulations contained in part 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations that implement section 47528 and related provisions shall be deemed to incorporate the change made by subsection (a) effective on the date of enactment of this Act.

#### SEC. 5. EXISTING AND PENDING DETERMINATIONS NOT AFFECTED.

The amendments made by section 3 and by section 4(a), and the provisions of section 4(b), do not interfere with or otherwise modify any determination—

(1) made by the Federal Aviation Administration under part 161 of title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations before November 2, 1999; or

(2) pursuant to an application that was pending before the Federal Aviation Administration for a determination under that part on November 1, 1999.

#### SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF WAR RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Section 44310 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking "after" and all that follows and inserting "after March 31, 2000."

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed immediately to the executive session to consider the following nominations on the Executive Calendar: No. 401, and nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

I finally ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD, that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

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

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

#### IN THE NAVY

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

#### To be rear admiral

Rear Adm. (1h) Kevin P. Green, 6805

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

#### IN THE ARMY

Army nominations beginning Alan G. Lackey, and ending Rita A. Price, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 1999.

Marine Corps nomination of Karl G. Hartenstine, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 1999.

Navy nominations beginning Lynne M. Hicks, and ending William D. Watson, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 1999.

Navy nomination of John R. Daly, Jr., which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 3, 1999.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will return to legislative session.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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

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

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Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations