



MEMORANDUM

TO: Government Affairs Steering Group
Government Affairs Committee

FROM: ACI-NA Government Affairs

DATE: May 6, 2008

SUBJECTS: Senate Fails to Pass Cloture Motion on FAA Reauthorization Legislation

GA MEMO: 2008-41

Just a few minutes ago, the Senate vote on the cloture motion for the FAA Reauthorization bill failed along party lines by a vote of 49-42. Congressional sources indicate that the bill will likely now be pulled from floor consideration as the chamber moves to issues such as flood insurance legislation. Meanwhile, negotiations on how to proceed on the FAA Reauthorization bill are expected to continue, as Republicans and Democrats remain conflicted over the amendment process and non-aviation revenue-related items. If negotiations do not make progress in the near future, it may be difficult for the Senate to make another attempt at floor consideration, which combined with the fact we are closing in on the expiration of the existing FAA extension (June 30th), could mean that Congressional leaders would move to pass an extension of FAA programs and taxes through Fiscal Year 2009. Should this occur, it is unlikely that we will see a final, multi-year FAA Reauthorization bill signed into law this year. Please rest assured that we will continue to stress to Senators the importance of completing a bill this year, as we remain cautiously hopeful that the current stalemate can be resolved.

In addition, ACI-NA will continue to forcefully advocate to Congress the importance of the following in a multi-year FAA Reauthorization bill:

- Increasing the PFC cap to \$7.00 (as found in the House bill) and indexing for inflation
- Fully funding the AIP program

- Ensuring that any ARFF-related language is not harmful to airports from an operational or financial perspective and that small airports receive the appropriate consideration
- Preventing airport proprietor rights from being negatively impacted regarding congestion pricing
- Making sure that airports can continue to charge limo and taxi drivers fees for passenger pick-ups at your facilities
- Preventing legislation that would limit the ability of airports to use a variety of environmental/wetland mitigation options
- Ensuring that the Employee Screening Pilot Tests currently underway can continue uninterrupted (no additional screening requirements)

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