



MEMORANDUM

TO: Government Affairs Steering Group
Government Affairs Committee

FROM: ACI-NA Government Affairs

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SUBJECT: ACI-NA Meets with Senator Lautenberg in Advance of Aviation Safety
Legislation Introduction

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ACI-NA Meets With Senator Lautenberg in Advance of Aviation Safety Legislation Introduction; Bill Could Be Filed Tomorrow

Earlier today, ACI-NA Government Affairs staff met with Sen. Frank Lautenberg's (D-NJ) office regarding his interest in drafting aviation safety legislation that could be introduced as early as tomorrow. As a result of this meeting, we expect that the bill could touch on a number of topics including:

- Funding for infrastructure improvements at airports (i.e. status lights, signage, etc)
- Examining the deployment and installation of lights, signage and markings at airports
- Developing a National Runway Safety Plan
- Runway incursion technologies such as ASDE-X and ADS-B
- Air traffic controller fatigue
- Re-stating language found in the 2006 Transportation Appropriations Act which stipulates that all airports must comply with FAA regulatory requirements for runway safety areas by 2015
- Prohibiting the FAA from advocating for economic policies such as Rates and Charges and Slot Auctions until the agency has met specific runway safety deadlines and goals as set forth in the bill

Sen. Lautenberg's legislation has not been completed as a draft, thus we are unsure of specifics at this time. However, we wanted to make you aware that ACI-NA Government

Affairs staff is proactively working this issue, as the bill could be introduced prior to tomorrow's Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on aviation safety. As we learn more about this legislation, we will be sure to keep you apprised as to its contents and effect on airports.

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