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To express the sense of the Senate concerning actions that the President of the United States should take to resolve the dispute between the Allied Pilots Association and American Airlines.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. GRAMM, and Mr. D'AMATO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate concerning actions that the President of the United States should take to resolve the dispute between the Allied Pilots Association and American Airlines.

Whereas a strike by the Allied Pilots Association, the union of the pilots of American Airlines, could lead to a severe disruption in air service;

Whereas such a strike could result in the loss of employment by tens of thousands of individuals in the United States;

Whereas such a strike would affect approximately 20 percent of the domestic airline traffic in the United States;

Whereas such a strike would cause more than 75,000 American Airlines employees to be idle;

Whereas such a strike would affect—

(1) the livelihood of thousands of other workers employed in airline and airport supply industries; and

(2) commerce relating to tourism, logistics, and business requiring travel;

Whereas such a strike would cause substantial adverse economic effects in communities of the United States;

Whereas such a strike could jeopardize the largest order made in history for the production of civilian aircraft; and

Whereas because one-quarter of the air traffic of American Airlines is in foreign air commerce (as that term is defined in section 40102 of title 49, United States Code), a strike would have an adverse effect with respect to—

(1) the expansion of the market of United States goods and services in foreign countries; and

(2) the trading partners of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the President should work in conjunction
3 with the National Mediation Board to facilitate a
4 resolution of the labor dispute between the Allied Pi-
5 lots Association and AMR, the parent company of
6 American Airlines; and

7 (2) the President should—

8 (A) encourage—

1 (i) the settlement of the issues that
2 are the subject of the labor dispute
3 through the use of the services of the Na-
4 tional Mediation Board established under
5 section 4 of the Railway Labor Act (45
6 U.S.C. 154) before midnight on February
7 15, 1997 (which is the date specified by
8 the Allied Pilots Association as the dead-
9 line for averting a strike); or

10 (ii) the achievement, by the date spec-
11 ified in clause (i), of an agreement by the
12 parties to the dispute to arbitrate the is-
13 sues that are the subject of the labor dis-
14 pute through the National Mediation
15 Board; and

16 (B) if necessary, establish a board under sec-
17 tion 10 of the Railway Labor Act (45 U.S.C. 160)
18 to serve as an emergency board to investigate the
19 matter relating to the labor dispute and to make a
20 report to the President in the manner prescribed in
21 that section.

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