

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 643

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## AN ACT

To authorize the Airport Improvement Program for 2 months, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Interim Federal Avia-  
5 tion Administration Authorization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
3 48103 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by  
4 striking from “\$1,205,000,000” through the period and  
5 inserting “\$1,607,000,000 for the 8-month period begin-  
6 ning October 1, 1998.”.

7 (b) OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY.—Section 47104(c)  
8 of such title is amended by striking “March” and inserting  
9 “May”.

10 (c) LIQUIDATION-OF-CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION.—  
11 The Department of Transportation and Related Agencies  
12 Appropriations Act, 1999 is amended by striking the last  
13 proviso under the heading “Grants-in-Aid for Airports,  
14 (Liquidation of Contract Authorization), (Airport and Air-  
15 way Trust Fund)” and inserting “*Provided further*, That  
16 not more than \$1,300,000,000 of funds limited under this  
17 heading may be obligated before the enactment of a law  
18 extending contract authorization for the Grants-in-Aid for  
19 Airports Program beyond May 31, 1999.”.

20 **SEC. 3. AIRWAY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

21 Section 48101(a) of title 49, United States Code, is  
22 amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

23 “(3) \$2,131,000,000 for fiscal year 1999.”.

24 **SEC. 4. FAA OPERATIONS.**

25 Section 106(k) of title 49, United States Code, is  
26 amended by striking from “\$5,158,000,000” through the

1 period and inserting “\$5,632,000,000 for fiscal year  
2 1999.”.

3 **SEC. 5. REMOVAL OF THE CAP ON DISCRETIONARY FUND.**

4 Section 47115(g) is amended by striking paragraph  
5 (4).

6 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF AVIATION INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

7 Section 44310 of title 49, United States Code, is  
8 amended by striking “March” and inserting “May”.

9 **SEC. 7. MILITARY AIRPORT PROGRAM.**

10 Section 124 of the Federal Aviation Reauthorization  
11 Act of 1996 is amended by striking subsection (d).

12 **SEC. 8. DISCRETIONARY FUND DEFINITION.**

13 (a) AMENDMENT OF SECTION 47115.—Section  
14 47115 of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

15 (1) by striking “25” in subsection (a) and in-  
16 serting “12.5”; and

17 (2) by striking the second sentence in sub-  
18 section (b).

19 (b) AMENDMENT OF SECTION 47116.—Section  
20 47116 of such title is amended—

21 (1) by striking “75” in subsection (a) and in-  
22 serting “87.5”;

23 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) in  
24 subsection (b) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), re-

1       spectively, and inserting before subparagraph (A), as  
2       so redesignated, the following:

3               “(1) one-seventh for grants for projects at small  
4       hub airports (as defined in section 41731 of this  
5       title); and

6               “(2) the remaining amounts based on the fol-  
7       lowing:”.

8       **SEC. 9. RELEASE OF 10 PERCENT OF MWAAs FUNDS.**

9       (a)    IN    GENERAL.—Notwithstanding    sections  
10    49106(c)(6)(C) and 49108 of title 49, United States Code,  
11    the Secretary of Transportation may approve an applica-  
12    tion of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
13    (an application that is pending at the Department of  
14    Transportation on March 17, 1999) for expenditure or ob-  
15    ligation of up to \$30,000,000 of the amount that other-  
16    wise would have been available to the Authority for pas-  
17    senger facility fee/airport development project grants  
18    under subchapter I of chapter 471 of such title.

19       (b)    LIMITATION.—The Authority may not execute  
20    contracts, for applications approved under subsection (a),  
21    that obligate or expend amounts totalling more than the  
22    amount for which the Secretary may approve applications  
23    under that subsection, except to the extent that funding

- 1 for amounts in excess of that amount are from other au-
- 2 thority or sources.

Passed the Senate March 17, 1999.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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