

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 28**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 4/19/01**

**Referred: Transportation**

**A RESOLUTION**

- 1 **Supporting the application of Alaska Airlines to provide air service to Ronald Reagan**  
2 **Washington National Airport.**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2000, the United States Congress enacted the Wendell H.  
5 Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century, P.L. 106 - 181, and created  
6 an exemption to the perimeter rule for 12 beyond-perimeter slots for Ronald Reagan  
7 Washington National Airport; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Congress expressed that new entrant carriers and carriers serving  
9 small and medium cities in the western United States be given preference in the allocation of  
10 the 12 new slots; and

11 **WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2001, in response to the announced plan of American  
12 Airlines, Inc., to acquire substantially all of the assets of Trans World Airlines, the United  
13 States Department of Transportation issued a letter stating that Trans World Airlines' beyond-  
14 perimeter slots could not be transferred as part of the sale of assets of Trans World Airlines;  
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of the Trans World Airlines bankruptcy proceedings,

1 the two former Trans World Airlines beyond-perimeter slots will be available for reallocation  
2 and the United States Department of Transportation will formally request applications for the  
3 slots; and

4 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines is the only carrier applicant that would be a new entrant  
5 at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and will increase competition by entering the  
6 District of Columbia airport market; and

7 **WHEREAS** Alaska Airlines best serves the public interest in the District of Columbia  
8 airport market with a proposal to provide the first and only service between Anchorage and  
9 Seattle and then nonstop service to the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport; and

10 **WHEREAS** the proposal by Alaska Airlines to provide service to Ronald Reagan  
11 Washington National Airport meets the intent and all of the requirements of the Wendell H.  
12 Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century; and

13 **WHEREAS**, as a new entrant, Alaska Airlines would provide fare competition in the  
14 District of Columbia airport market, which is currently dominated by large network carriers;  
15 and

16 **WHEREAS** other anticipated applicants already operate competing nonstop and one-  
17 stop service to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and other Washington, D.C., area  
18 airports; and

19 **WHEREAS** approval of this application by the United States Department of  
20 Transportation would clearly "increase competition by new entrant air carriers"; and

21 **WHEREAS**, although Alaska Airlines is a major presence on the west coast, the  
22 airline currently does not provide service to the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport;

23 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the United  
24 States Department of Transportation to award Alaska Airlines the slot necessary to serve the  
25 Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

26 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Norman Mineta, United  
27 States Secretary of Transportation; John Kelly, Chairman, President, and CEO, Alaska Air  
28 Group; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S.  
29 Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska  
30 delegation in Congress.