

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SILIDES, BUTROVICH
AND T. MILLER

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 58

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Urging approval of the Continental Air
6 Lines - Western Air Lines and Alaska
7 Airlines - Braniff Airways interchange
8 agreements, as submitted, by the Civil
9 Aeronautics Board.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

11 WHEREAS in Civil Aeronautics Board Docket 25692 Continental Air Lines,
12 Inc. and Western Air Lines, Inc. seek approval of an interchange agreement
13 in order to provide single-plane service between points on Continental's
14 Pacific Northwest-Southwest routes on the one hand, and Anchorage on the
15 other hand, with Seattle as the point of interchange; and

16 WHEREAS in Docket 25742, Alaska Airlines, Inc. and Braniff Airways,
17 Inc. seek approval of an interchange agreement in order to provide single-
18 plane service between points on Braniff's Pacific Northwest-Southwest
19 routes on the one hand, and Fairbanks and Anchorage on the other hand, with
20 Seattle as the point of interchange; and

21 WHEREAS applicants, Continental and Western, have taken the position
22 that both joint applications should be approved; and

23 WHEREAS applicants, Alaska and Braniff, take the position that their
24 application should be approved but that if a Continental-Western interchange
25 is approved, the interchange should not be authorized to operate single-
26 plane service between Anchorage on the one hand, and Dallas-Fort Worth and
27 Houston, on the other hand; and

28 WHEREAS the requirements of the State of Alaska for more modern and
29 efficient passenger and cargo air service are becoming rapidly accentuated

1 by the imminent construction of the Alaska pipeline, and the airlift needs
2 associated therewith; and

3 WHEREAS a matter of paramount and urgent national concern today is the
4 energy crisis brought about by the deterioration of energy resources with
5 relation to requirements; and

6 WHEREAS efficient air transportation service can play a significant role
7 in advancing the development of the Alaska pipeline project; and

8 WHEREAS the improved air service that would result from approval of the
9 applications, as submitted, is urgently required; and

10 WHEREAS, Wien Air Alaska has suggested a restriction against Alaska-
11 Braniff single-plane schedules serving Fairbanks; and

12 WHEREAS such a restriction or even allowing such a service pattern would
13 be highly inimical to the public interest and should be summarily rejected,
14 as it would defeat the entire purpose of an interchange as far as Fairbanks
15 is concerned since Fairbanks passengers would then be required to rely solely
16 on interconnections for service beyond Seattle and through air freight service
17 from Texas would not be available; and

18 WHEREAS such a restriction also would be prejudicial to Seattle-Fairbanks
19 passengers and air freight since it would cause the elimination of a prime
20 time schedule now in existence and it would otherwise continue in existence
21 under the interchange agreement proposal; and

22 WHEREAS the Governor and the Alaska Transportation Commission have
23 supported the applications by both Continental-Western and Alaska-Braniff
24 without imposition of restrictions on either;

25 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature most urgently requests
26 the Civil Aeronautics Board to approve the Continental-Western interchange
27 agreement and the Alaska-Braniff interchange agreement, as submitted and
28 without restrictions.

29 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Robert D. Timm,

1 Chairman, Civil Aeronautics Board; the Honorable Ralph L. Wiser, Chief
2 Administrative Law Judge; the presidents of Continental, Western, Alaska,
3 Braniff and Wien airlines; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
4 Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S.
5 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29