

among other things, as being in the public interest, and in accordance with the public convenience and necessity:

(a) The development and utilization of the air potential of the Philippines.

(b) The encouragement and development of an air transportation system properly adapted to the present and future of foreign and domestic commerce of the Philippines, of the Postal Service, and of the National Defense:

(c) The regulation of air transportation in such manner as to recognize and preserve the inherent advantages of, assure the highest degree of safety in and foster sound economic conditions in such transportation, and to improve the relations between, and coordinate transportation by, air carriers;

(d) The promotion of adequate, economical and efficient service by air carriers at reasonable charges, without unjust discriminations, undue preferences or advantages, or unfair or destructive competitive practices:

(e) Competition between air carriers to the extent necessary to assure the sound development of an air transportation system properly adapted to the need of the foreign and domestic commerce of the Philippines, of the Postal Service, and of the National Defense:

(f) To promote safety of flight in air commerce in the Philippines; and

(g) The encouragement and development of civil aeronautics.

CHAPTER III.—CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD

SEC. 5. Composition of the Board.—The Aeronautics Board shall be composed of the Secretary of Commerce and Industry as Chairman, the Civil Aeronautics Administrator, the Commanding Officer of the Philippine Air Force, and two other members to be appointed by the President of the Philippines. They shall hold office at the pleasure of the President and shall be entitled to *per diem* for each meeting actually attended by them in such amount as may be fixed by the President. In case of absence or incapacity of the Secretary of Commerce and Industry, the Civil Aeronautics Administrator shall act as Chairman.

In case of the Under Secretary of Commerce and Industry and/or Deputy Administrator act in the stead of the Secretary of Commerce and Industry and/or Administrator, respectively, they shall hold office and be entitled to *per diem* for each meeting actually attended by them in the Civil Aeronautics Board. No member of the Board shall have any pecuniary interest in, or own any stock or bond of, any civil aeronautics enterprise.

SEC. 6. Principal office and quorum.—The Board shall have its principal office in the City of Manila and may hold hearings on any proceedings at such time and places within the Philippines as it may provide by order in writing. The Chairman and two members of the Board shall constitute a *quorum* to transact business. A majority vote of the members constituting a *quorum* shall be necessary for a valid and enforceable decision or order by the Board. A tie vote shall be referred to the President of the Philippines for decision.