

AVIATION SAFETY

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND AERONAUTICS,
COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10 a.m., pursuant to notice, in room 2123, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Samuel N. Friedel (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. FRIEDEL. The committee will now come to order.

Today the Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics resumes hearings on aviation safety. This series of hearings commenced in the first session of the 90th Congress.

As Chairman Staggers of the full committee said at the outset, aviation safety is one of the most important matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

There were several interested parties from the aviation community that we did not have an opportunity to hear in the first session.

It is hoped and expected that we will be able to afford an opportunity to the remaining witnesses today and tomorrow.

Beyond that, we will keep the record open for 5 legislative days in order to receive any further statements on this subject.

The subcommittee fully appreciates the importance of this matter and also the active concern of Government, industry, and private parties with respect to aviation safety.

We shall hear first this morning from our colleague and member of the full committee, the Honorable Donald Brotzman. Please proceed as you wish, Mr. Brotzman.

STATEMENT OF HON. DONALD G. BROTZMAN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF COLORADO

Mr. BROTZMAN. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to have this opportunity to present a statement on the problems of aviation safety. Certainly the increased use of air carriers by the traveling public and the demands on the airlines for faster and more efficient service have drawn attention to the need to carefully review flight procedures and safety regulations. I am pleased that these hearings are being continued and that they are covering a wide range of problems in the aviation industry.

I know that this subcommittee has heard expert testimony from witnesses on nearly every aspect of aviation safety. My own comments will be limited to two areas which I think the committee should fully investigate.