

# AIRCRAFT NOISE ABATEMENT

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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 subcommittee will please be in order. Today the Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce commences hearings on H.R. 3400 and related bills. This proposed legislation would authorize the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe standards for the measurement of aircraft noise and sonic boom and to establish regulations for their control and abatement. The regulations could then be applied to aircraft certification procedures.

On October 12, 1966, we held hearings on this subject. As I said then, it is a continuing problem and it deserves and requires our continuing interest and effort.

We have a number of Members of Congress who have a direct interest in this legislation and who are present to give their testimony on this subject this morning.

At this point in the record we will include the comments from the various departments and agencies on H.R. 3400.

(The bill, H.R. 3400, and departmental reports thereon, follow:)

[H.R. 3400, 90th Cong., first sess.]

**A BILL** To amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to authorize aircraft noise abatement regulation, and for other purposes

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That title VI of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. 1421-1430) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

## "AIRCRAFT NOISE CONTROL ABATEMENT

"Sec. 611. (a) The Secretary of Transportation is empowered to prescribe and amend standards for the measurement of aircraft noise and sonic boom and to prescribe and amend such rules and regulations as he may find necessary to provide for the control and abatement of aircraft noise and sonic boom including the application of such standards, rules, and regulations in the issuance, amendment, modification, suspension, or revocation of any certificate authorized by this title.

"(b) In any action to amend, modify, suspend, or revoke a certificate in which violation of aircraft noise or sonic boom standards, rules, or regulations is at issue, the certificate holder shall have the same notice and appeal rights as are contained in section 609, and in any appeal to the National Transportation Safety Board, the Board may amend, modify, or reverse the order of the Secretary if it finds that safety in air commerce or air transportation and the public interest do not require the affirmation of such order."