

Mr. FRIEDEL. I want to thank you for your fine statement and we will read your prepared statement.

Mr. FASCELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Kuykendall.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Let me ask you, Mr. Fascell, to help us, not here or now, but in the future. I don't think there is any doubt that a lot of the things that are going to be required are going to be an expensive proposition. I am not asking for an answer here; but we are seeking a means of long-range financing of capital improvements of the entire airport and airways system. If you have any ideas you can give to this committee on means of financing on a permanent basis similar to the Federal Highways Trust Fund, please do so because we know that in the matter of noise abatement, with short runways, if you start trying to put limits on this without lengthening the runways, you have a safety factor that is very dangerous.

Mr. FASCELL. You are right, of course. You have an entirely integrated problem with respect to aircraft and safety factors. I appreciate that you are advising me and I think all of us need to turn our attention toward this problem.

If I may venture one step further, one of the things that has been of considerable interest to me has been the problem of air safety which we have all been concerned with and on which you have had hearings. This is one of the specific things on which I have introduced legislation. I feel that the Department should be given special direction even though it may now have jurisdiction for supporting research and development of a proximity warning device, a collision warning system, or both.

We know by statistics that the minute you get additional help for the pilot, the accident rate goes down. If we could come up with a congressional mandate for funds for additional research and development to supplement that which industry has already accomplished, we can make a major effort in improving air safety.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. We are working on that in this committee, too.

Mr. FASCELL. I appreciate your observation.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Thank you very much.

Mr. FASCELL. Thank you.

Mr. FRIEDEL. We have another colleague of ours who has a very important committee meeting at 10:30. I will recognize our very good friend and hard worker, Congressman Tenzer of New York.

STATEMENT OF HON. HERBERT TENZER, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Mr. TENZER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I appreciate the opportunity to come here and testify, and also Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you for taking me out of turn. I have a prepared statement which I have filed with the stenographer, and which I will not read in full.