

Also, I am sure that there are other ways in which noise can be minimized. That is one of the problems which the FAA will have to solve. And this committee will have to insist that some proper legislation be enacted and as Mr. Tenzer, who preceded me, indicated, this is definitely a Federal problem.

I am very pleased to see that this subcommittee is taking up this type of legislation. In my opinion, aircraft noise abatement is a pressing problem in the United States that is getting worse every day and we are going to have to come to grips with it.

Naturally, the airlines and aircraft corporations are not wholeheartedly in favor of stricter noise abatement regulations. That is understandable.

I realize that tighter standards are going to increase operating difficulties, but this is a problem which we have got to lick and the public has a right to expect that its peace of mind will be a major consideration. I will go even further than that—there have been situations in my district where the incredible noise of jet aircraft has even endangered the health of many of our elder citizens.

If the Federal aviation experts have a mandate from Congress, I am sure that they can find many ways to reduce aircraft noise by imposing regulations of one sort or another. I hope that this subcommittee will report this bill favorably and that ultimately the full House and Senate will take positive action in this area.

It is an important area, and as I indicated earlier, I am very happy that this subcommittee has taken this type of legislation under consideration.

Mr. FRIEDEL. I want to thank you for your excellent statement. Are there any questions?

Mr. Devine.

Mr. DEVINE. I have just one question.

Mr. Fino, your district is the Bronx primarily?

Mr. FINO. That is right, the northeast Bronx, which is in the direct path of one of the approaches to La Guardia.

Mr. DEVINE. Do you find that your complaints are more taking off than landing noises, or are they equal or separated or not?

Mr. FINO. I would say mostly on landing. They use the approach coming down Long Island Sound and Westchester County and by the time they get to the lower part of my district, they are about 200 feet above the ground.

At one point, we have a beach club, which has about 9,000 people during the summer months and it is not so much the noise but the soot dropped from the aircraft that gives rise to the complaints.

Mr. DEVINE. On taking off, are they higher when they pass over your district?

Mr. FINO. Yes. I think the complaint will come from Congressman Addabbo because I think he is affected on the other side of the East River more than we are.

Mr. DEVINE. Thank you.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Cunningham.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. I have no questions.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Kuykendall.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Congressman Fino, I know you have given a great deal of attention to this problem for quite some time. Have