

**STATEMENT OF HON. JAMES C. CORMAN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Chairman, members of the subcommittee, I appear today in behalf of my bill, H.R. 11647, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to authorize aircraft noise abatement regulation. This bill is identical to H.R. 3400, now under consideration by the committee.

This legislation, which would certificate the assembly of commercial aircraft on the basis of noise as well as the prime requirement of safety, is an essential step toward making the harmful byproducts of our modern age compatible with the public welfare. We have already taken other steps in this direction. Recently, we enacted legislation to combat air pollution—a byproduct of the automobile. We can, and must do the same with the byproduct of our jet aircraft, for just as there is definite evidence of injury to health as a result of air pollution, so is there evidence of health deterioration to those who are constantly subjected to the objectionable sounds made by commercial jetliners.

I share the opinion of Los Angeles International Airport Manager Francis T. Fox who points out that a nation with the scientific talent and know-how to place a manned vehicle in orbit; take pictures of the moon and relay them to earth; build a supersonic transport; and carry out many other aerospace missions of great and complex magnitude can—someday—develop a turbojet engine and an airframe that will be compatible with the public welfare.

H.R. 11647 is a start in the proper direction and I urge the committee to favorably report this needed legislation. Enactment of this measure would be in the deserved interest of the Nation's long-suffering airport neighbors.

Mr. ADAMS. Thank you for your concise statement, Mr. Corman.

The next witness this morning, representing the Air Line Pilots Association, is Captain Brunelle. Is Captain Brunelle here this morning? Captain, do you want to come up to the witness stand?

Mr. BRUNELLE. Thank you.

Mr. ADAMS. Do you want to read your statement, Captain, or do you want to file that for the record and speak extemporaneously? However, you would like to proceed, please feel free to do so.

**STATEMENT OF VERNON C. BRUNELLE, CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON
NOISE ABATEMENT, AIR LINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION**

Mr. BRUNELLE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a brief statement, which I shall read, if I may.

I want to thank you and the members of the subcommittee for the privilege of appearing before you this morning to briefly state the position of the Air Line Pilots Association in support of H.R. 3400. I am presently a line pilot for one of the Nation's certificated air carriers and have long been interested and active in the association's various air safety endeavors. Presently, I am chairman of our association's standing committee on noise abatement. My work as chairman of this committee has caused me to meet during this past year with various industry and governmental groups, including the President's Program on Evaluation and Development Committee.