

have been the singular contribution toward noise abatement. I assure you, gentlemen, that this fountain has run dry and no further compromise with safety can be tolerated in the public interest.

We have said before we think the Administrator of FAA now has the authority to move as required in the matter of certification for noise. Cooperation of the agencies handling mortgages, zoning, and so forth could bring about long-term relief. I would be less than candid if I did not say to you that I see no short-term or instantaneous areas of substantial importance; on the contrary, at most locations aircraft noise nuisance will become somewhat worse before it starts to improve.

I thank you for hearing me, and I reiterate our association's endorsement of H.R. 3400. Should you have any questions, we would be pleased to answer same.

Mr. ADAMS. Thank you, Captain.

Mr. Devine?

Mr. DEVINE. Captain, what carrier do you fly for?

Mr. BRUNELLE. I am with Piedmont.

Mr. DEVINE. Piedmont?

Mr. BRUNELLE. Yes.

Mr. DEVINE. Let's go through your statement very briefly.

On your first page, your middle paragraph in which you say that the people in your organization are subject or the recipient of complaints, you say, "the mark of politically motivated groups and the target of poorly informed regulators."

Do you think those are the only people complaining of this noise?

Mr. BRUNELLE. I think not, but I think they might be in the foreground.

Mr. DEVINE. What do you mean by "politically motivated groups"?

Is it politically motivated to want to quiet down noise overhead?

Mr. BRUNELLE. No; I don't think this is politically motivated.

Mr. DEVINE. I just want to clarify your statement, not argue with you.

Mr. BRUNELLE. Yes. I think that "politically" perhaps is divorced from the national political picture. Perhaps local groups is more what I have in mind. I am thinking of the Committee to Close National.

Mr. DEVINE. Are you talking about real estate developers in that concept?

Mr. BRUNELLE. That and other concepts, yes.

Mr. DEVINE. Would you care to enlarge on that?

I think we recognize the problem and are seeking solutions and maybe you can be helpful to us.

Mr. BRUNELLE. I appreciate that. I guess that I will take another tack on it. I think we feel that aircraft noise is politically a nuisance and that perhaps some people are getting more mileage out of being against aircraft noise. They are after political acceptance rather than alleviating the problem. Their names appear in print. They are crusading.

We feel that some of these people don't really have the best interests of quieting the airplanes at heart.

Mr. DEVINE. I am merely seeking information to clarify the statement, as I say.

Mr. BRUNELLE. Yes.