

Mr. MATHESON. This is right, encourage the basic research that is happening so that 3 to 5 years from now we possibly might have it.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. So it is not the Federal Government that is doing anything about noise. It is the aircraft manufacturers on their own that are going to do something whether or not we regulate it, is that not right?

Mr. MATHESON. We feel that we would need the Federal Government's authority to control or regulate to some extent the aircraft noise.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Do you not believe that the FAA, when determining their guidelines, is simply going to go find the state of the art, what it is at this point, and try to determine from the scientists what the state of the art should be a year from now, 2 years from now, and 3 years from now and base their guidelines on that? Do you not believe that that is what is going to happen?

Mr. MATHESON. Yes, sir. The FAA does this. However, the primary area, and they do have this authority, is the safety of flight.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. I just hate for us in this Government to be leaving the impression with the American people that simply by our voting something out of this committee that we are going to cure anything.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Yes.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Do you know of any new technique that the airplane manufacturers could use to curtail the noise?

Mr. MATHESON. I do not have a report with me but last September 27 the Federal Aviation Administration published a report that stated that there is a possibility of reducing the noise level from 18 to 20 PNdB's by various procedures, and no doubt through research that will follow.

Mr. FRIEDEL. And the manufacturers refused to follow that line?

Mr. MATHESON. No, sir. I don't know whether they have refused that or not.

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Friedel, I think that is the same thing that the aircraft people have reported to us on their own. I don't object to having the FAA write up some guidelines if they want to. I just object to our implying this to the American people. I think the American people have been misled too much by legislation in the past few years. I don't want to mislead them some more into thinking that, as soon as we pass this bill, they are going to be able to sleep at night now or even 5 years from now if they build a house near an airport. I don't want to imply a panacea here.

If you live near an airport, that is going to keep you awake, and you and I both know it.

We have had witness after witness come here and imply to the American people that if you will just pass H.R. 3400, we will not have noise anymore. This is not true, and you know it is not true, because, as long as we have safe aircraft, we are going to have noise.

I happen to think that the FAA works well in conjunction with the manufacturers because they work with the manufacturers constantly. The FAA and the manufacturers before us don't conflict with each other as to what is possible and I don't certainly object to your concern because we have an airport in Memphis that has the same concern, and I hear this same thing, and I know what your problem is here.