

SURVEY OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

PART 8—CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10 a.m. in room 2247, Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C., Hon. Jack Brooks (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Jack Brooks, William S. Moorhead, Dante B. Fascell, Fletcher Thompson, and Margaret M. Heckler.

Also present: Ernest C. Baynard, staff administrator; William M. Jones, counsel; Irma Reel, clerk; Lynne Higginbotham, clerk; and William Copenhaver, minority staff.

Mr. Brooks. The Government Activities Subcommittee, having been duly organized under the Rules of the House of Representatives, the meeting is hereby called to order.

The CAB is a small Federal agency with a huge responsibility. Convenient air service, linking local communities to business and industrial centers and other parts of the Nation, is essential to industrial development and business growth. The economy of many local communities is deeply affected by CAB decisions as business and industrial leaders consider the adequacy of air service in selecting locations for new plants and facilities.

The CAB was chartered by Congress to coordinate the economic development of our Nation's airlines and to oversee the fixing of routes and rates to assure that an adequate, well-balanced air transportation system is maintained.

The issues facing the CAB are often charged with emotion. They range from the issuance of South Pacific route certificates worth millions of dollars to the imposition of a \$2 charge on in-flight movies. The CAB must consider the interests not only of the airline industry, but also the community, business, and the traveling public. The impact of the CAB's rulings is felt throughout the economy of this Nation.

Not only do we need a modern network of air terminals, a safe and effective air traffic control system, and modern, efficient aircraft, but these elements must be coordinated into an economic, efficient, and effective air travel system to serve our Nation to its fullest. This is the job of the CAB. Safe, efficient, and convenient air service linking thousands of American communities is an absolute must if our overall program toward progress and a greater society is to become a reality.

There have been suggestions that the procedures of the CAB are