

ernization has aided and encouraged better, more efficient and safer public service."

Today we are experiencing an unusual seesaw in availability of loan money, from tight money to the point of unavailability. For this reason and in the public interest, which is best promoted by the ability of these small airlines to borrow and buy modern, safe, more efficient jet aircraft, I respectfully recommend and urge the passage of H.R. 13047.

Thank you for your consideration and concern for the small business airlines, members of the Association of Local Transport Airlines (ALTA).

The CHAIRMAN. Your organization is in accord with the intent of the legislation?

Mr. LESTER. Entirely; yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any questions by members of the committee?

If not, we thank you for coming. Please do tell Mr. Adams we are sorry he was unable to be here with us today. We have enjoyed working with him in the past on the committee.

Mr. LESTER. I will pass that on to him, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. This concludes our witnesses for these three bills today.

Thank you all for being here.

The committee will stand adjourned.

(The following material was submitted for the record :)

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION,
Washington, D.C., September 18, 1968.

Hon. HARLEY O. STAGGERS,
Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CHAIRMAN STAGGERS: This responds to your request for information concerning any additional expense to the Government which may be entailed by the enactment of S. 913 and S. 2687, upon which I testified before the Committee on September 17, 1968.

In the case of S. 913, we believe that any additional costs incurred by the enactment of this bill will be minor since the provisions of this bill will be administered by the Commission in conjunction with its administration of present section 20c of the Interstate Commerce Act which covers the filing of similar documents for railroads. Any additional expense that may be entailed by the enactment of S. 913 will be more than offset by the fees which, as indicated in my testimony on this bill, will be imposed for the recordation of the documents covered by S. 913.

In the case of S. 2687, with one exception, we do not anticipate that any additional expense will be involved in the changeover in our judicial review procedures from district courts to the courts of appeals made by this bill.

The one exception has to do with the requirement imposed by 28 U.S.C. § 2112, which is incorporated by reference in this bill, that the Commission file with the reviewing court the original or a certified copy of record of the proceedings before the Commission. Under present practice in the district courts this expense falls on private litigants. Although this change may impose some additional burden on the Commission, it is consistent with the present practice and procedure for the review of all other Federal agency orders. Since under present practice the courts of appeals can permit the filing of a certified list of contents of the record for review in lieu of the record itself, it is highly possible that any additional expense entailed by this change in existing practice will be held to a minimum. While we have not been able to project as yet the amount of increased expenses, if any, that may result from this change, we are confident that it can be met within our existing budget limitations.

I hope this information will be of assistance to your Committee.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL J. TIERNEY, *Chairman.*