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ON THE PROPOSAL BY THE GOVERNOR HOLTON ADVISORY COMMISSION
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The vote just taken by the Holton Commission moves us a giant step closer to home ownership for Washington's Dulles and National airports. I congratulate Governor Holton and all members of the Advisory Commission for working together on a plan to transfer those airports from Federal control to a local authority representing the best interests of the District, Virginia, Maryland and the flying public. The Commission members demonstrated a spirit of regional cooperation in reaching a majority recommendation.

The Commission's proposal addresses the key concerns, including the structure of the airport authority itself and protection for the Federal employees currently working at Washington National and Washington Dulles.

I look forward to reviewing the Commission's proposal and presenting a plan to Congress early in the new year for transferring the airports.

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