

TALKING POINTS FOR
SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ELIZABETH HANFORD DOLE
TO THE JOINT COUNCIL OF FLIGHT ATTENDANT UNIONS
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

* THANK YOU LYNNE (EGGE; DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS, INDEPENDENT UNION OF FLIGHT ATTENDANTS).

* DELIGHTED TO MEET WITH YOU, REPRESENT 6 UNIONS, 8 AIRLINES AND 37,000 FLIGHT ATTENDANTS.

* WELCOME TO WASHINGTON -- MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN.

* MAC BALDRIGE STORY.

* ALSO REMINDED OF THE STORY OF THE CAB DRIVER WHO TOOK A TOURIST PAST THE GOVERNMENT ARCHIVES BUILDING HERE. AS THEY DROVE BY, THE TOURIST LOOKED UP AT THE WORDS CARVED ON THE BUILDING AND READ: "WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE." THE TOURIST ASKED WHAT THAT MEANT. "IT MEANS," SAID THE DRIVER, "THAT YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!"

* ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR THIS GROUP.

* YOU PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN AVIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY ISSUES. LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT ON YOUR PART -- BEGAN 7 TO 8 YEARS AGO WHEN THE JOINT COUNCIL WAS ORIGINALLY BROUGHT TOGETHER OUT OF A CONCERN FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES. SAFETY MY HIGHEST PRIORITY.

AVIATION SECURITY

* AVIATION SECURITY A TRADITION OF SUCCESS: DURING THE PAST 12 YEARS, MORE THAN 6 BILLION PASSENGERS AND ALMOST 8 BILLION PIECES OF CARRY-ON BAGGAGE HAVE BEEN SCREENED. HAS RESULTED IN THE DETECTION OF MORE THAN 33,000 GUNS; NEARLY 14,000 ARRESTS; AND 113 HIJACKINGS PREVENTED.

* RECENT DOT ACTIONS: CURBSIDE CHECK-IN; CARGO; SURVEILLANCE OF THOSE WITH ACCESS TO AIRCRAFT; MATCH OF PASSENGERS WITH BAGGAGE; SKY MARSHALS.

* TWO OTHER AREAS ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOU. FIRST, WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED THE SECURITY TRAINING THAT BOTH PILOTS AND FLIGHT ATTENDANTS MUST RECEIVE. WE FEEL IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL CREW MEMBERS RECEIVE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. AND AS YOU WOULD EXPECT, WE ARE REQUIRING MORE TRAINING FOR THOSE CREWS FLYING INTERNATIONALLY. (NOTE: MOST ATTENDEES WILL NOT HAVE HAD OUR NEW TRAINING AND SOME MAY NOT HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT YET.)

* SECONDLY, BASED UPON A PETITION FROM FLIGHT ATTENDANTS, WE ARE ACTIVELY REVIEWING WHETHER TO UNDERTAKE RULEMAKING ACTION TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CARRY-ON ARTICLES.

AVIATION SAFETY

* MORE INSPECTORS AND CONTROLLERS/TALKING WITH CONTROLLERS.

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- * SAFE.
- * SAFETY TASK FORCE.
- * NEAR MID-AIR REPORT.
- * WIND SHEAR -- DOPPLER TESTED AT STAPLETON AND BEING TESTED AT MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL; AIR FORCE WILL CONDUCT MORE FIELD TESTS IN SPRING; MOVING FORWARD AS FAST AS WE CAN.
- * RULES; CIVIL PENALTIES FROM \$1,000 TO \$10,000 -- APPRECIATE YOUR STRONG SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE.
- * CABIN SAFETY -- NEED YOUR SUPPORT.
 - SEAT CUSHIONS.
 - FIRE RESISTANCE STANDARD FOR PROTECTIVE LINERS -- RULEMAKING BY DECEMBER.

- PROTECTIVE BREATHING EQUIPMENT; SMOKE DETECTORS/FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN LAVATORIES.
- EMERGENCY EVACUATION SYSTEMS.
- * APPRECIATE YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT DURING LAST YEAR'S HOLIDAY SEASON, ENCOURAGING PASSENGERS TO WEAR THEIR SAFETY BELTS IN THEIR CARS AFTER THEY LEAVE THE PLANE -- HOPE YOU CAN REPEAT THIS SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM.
- * LEGISLATIVE PROCESS SOMETIMES COMPLEX.
- * NEED YOUR COMMENTS AND INPUT ON LEGISLATION, RULES AND POLICIES.
- * APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU.

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