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METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIRPORTS BOARD MEETING
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- Delighted to be here to be a part of this historic occasion.
- Great day for the airports, the Washington area and everyone who uses these airports.
- To reflect for a moment -- eight tries since 1947 to return Washington airports to control of Washington area residents. Would not have been successful without the tireless efforts of (mention appropriate VIPs)
- And another point of recent history -- the last six years is story of our attempt to give their government back to the American people. The airport transfer is in line with that philosophy.
- Importance of this day signified by the people present -- Virginia Governor Baliles, D.C. Mayor Barry, Maryland (representative undetermined at this time) --here to witness this first meeting and help you begin your task of shaping the future of these airports.
- Yes, this is a city which generates headlines and makes history every day. Today is no exception.
- Each of you in this room is a part of that history in the making (first members of the first commission) -- have a special place in history for these airports and the region. You are the pathbreakers for these airports, so they can reach the great potential that the capital of the free world deserves.
- This initial Board meeting brings us another step closer to our goal of transferring these airports to regional control.

- While it is a day for congratulations, it is not a day for complacency. As we complete one chapter of these airports' history, we begin another.
- As members of the Board, you will be making the decisions which will affect generations of Washingtonians and airport users to come. Tremendous challenge for you, but also a great opportunity to help shape the future of the capital area.
- Share your concern to reach a timely settlement of personnel issues for the airports -- the dedicated employees deserve top priority.
- Recognizing your ability to determine what is best for these airports, we are diligently working on drafting the lease for the airports --it's been 2½ years since the Holton Commission was appointed. We hope to complete transfer of the airports by the 3rd anniversary.
- Committed to working closely together with you through the transition so you have all the tools you need to accept control over these airports.
- In that spirit, it's my honor to present the Board with this gavel, and to open this first Board meeting.
- This gavel is inscribed "January 7, 1987 -- Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, First Meeting"
- May this first meeting be just the beginning of a very successful venture for the Board, the airports and the people of the Washington area.