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Three Federal Legislative Initiatives

Now that the local primaries are over here in Texas, we can take a closer look at three pieces of legislation in Congress that as someone interested in the aviation industry, may be of interest to you.

First, the Senate introduced SB 3303 which would serve to promote workforce development throughout the transportation sector including aviation. The House introduced legislation last November, H.R. 5118, that seeks to ‘increase awareness of career opportunities in the transportation sector, including aviation pilots, safety inspectors, mechanics and technicians, air traffic controllers and flight attendants.’ According to NBAA, (National Business Aviation Association) the measures would provide \$5 million annually to the US Department of Transportation through fiscal year 2027 to produce a variety of public information programs promoting STEM-based careers within the transportation industry to students.

Most recently the U.S. Senate introduced Senate Bill 3360 to create a dedicated forum to foster collaboration between all segments of the nation’s aviation and aerospace industries with a particular focus on workforce development. Introduced February 27th by US Senators Jim Inhofe (R-OK) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), this legislation would establish the National Center for the Advance of Aviation where stakeholders could work together to coordinate, promote and support the development of aviation and aerospace within the US. (NBAA). “In the more than 100 years since Wilbur and Orville Wright conducted their historic flights at Kitty Hawk, our nation has seen aviation in the United States grow, powered by the individual passions of pilots, aviators and countless others,” Inhofe said in a statement. “The NCAA will advance a collaborative process to promote aviation in the United States and assist in the development of the next generation of aviation and aerospace workers.”

NBAA joined with more than 130 aviation trade and advocacy groups, commercial airlines, fractional and charter operators, pilots unions, state and airport representa-

tives and other aviation stakeholders, representing hundreds of thousands of individuals, companies, schools and other entities involved in all segments of aviation and aerospace, in a letter expressing their support for the measure.

And lastly, according to NBAA a bill recently introduced in the U.S. Senate could make an important tax depreciation rule that has stimulated the sale of new and used business aircraft a permanent part of the tax code. Under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, eligible taxpayers can now deduct 100% of the cost for qualifying new or used aircraft or fractional shares in the first year of ownership. This provision – known as immediate expensing or bonus depreciation – however, is only available to taxpayers until the end of 2022 when the available immediate deduction begins to phase-down. That could change with the introduction of the Accelerated Long-Term Investment Growth Now Act by Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA), which would make full expensing permanent. “Tax reform’s most pro-growth feature was allowing businesses to immediately write off purchases of new equipment. It led to workers becoming more productive, which resulted in higher wages and more jobs,” Said the Senator, “My bill to make full expensing permanent would give manufacturers and businesses of all sizes certainty around investment planning and it would keep our economy humming.”

~ Shelly Lesikar

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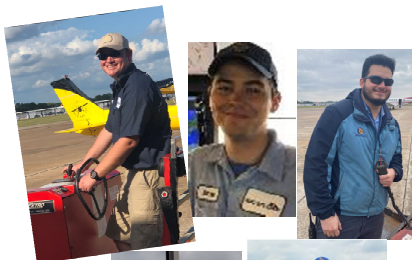


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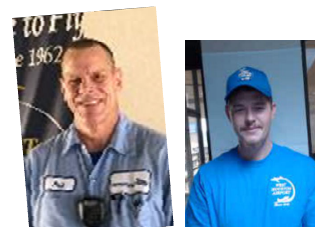
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