



1           WHEREAS, the airline industry began to charge passengers a checked baggage fee  
2 per bag to curtail rising jet fuel costs and to supplement marginal revenue during times of  
3 economic decline; and

4           WHEREAS, as a result of increasing airline baggage fees charged by airlines for  
5 checked luggage, passengers are encouraged to increase the contents of carry-on luggage to  
6 avoid the extra cost of baggage fees; and

7           WHEREAS, increased carry-on luggage of boarding airline passengers may be  
8 correlated to the claims of lost, damaged, or delayed passenger luggage, because passengers  
9 are oftentimes asked to check carry-on luggage at the boarding gate, which may require  
10 passengers to wait for such luggage after deboarding an aircraft, or luggage and contents  
11 may become damaged during the process of fitting carry-on luggage onto boarded aircrafts;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, although checked luggage may be lost, damaged, or delayed for a  
14 variety of reasons, baggage handling systems, airline negligence, and the act of luggage  
15 offloading to accommodate extra fuel have also been discussed as reasons for lost, damaged,  
16 or delayed passenger luggage; and

17           WHEREAS, the aforementioned concerns of airline passengers are issues of  
18 consumer protection for which the United States Congress has the constitutional power to  
19 address and determine fair and reasonable solutions through codified law or regulatory  
20 rulemaking.

21           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
22 memorialize the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to regulate  
23 airline baggage fees and processes for consumers as it relates to transportation of passenger  
24 luggage and passenger delays resulting from lost, damaged, or delayed luggage.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
26 presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the  
27 United States of America and to each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

DIGEST

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