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BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS  
AND TRANSPORTATION

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 1, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 8, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 11, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 13, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 14, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 95; NOES, 1.
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 15, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
MARCH 17, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 18, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 21, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 49; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 22, 1989

RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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*Simons* BY REQUEST OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS  
*Bashere, Easter, Jack, M. Hansen, Hoffman, Dingsgaard*  
 AND TRANSPORTATION  
*Knapp, Treadwell, Gilbert, Gannon, Wallace, Jack, Clark, Ullrich*  
*Stephens, Anderson, Jergeson, Abrams, Berlin*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
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 NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THE ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE PROGRAM.

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WHEREAS, the 1989 appropriations for the "Essential Air  
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE  
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That the Secretary of Transportation be requested to  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State of  
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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
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