

RESOLUTION NO. 156

URGING U.S. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO SPONSOR, AND THE U.S. CONGRESS TO ENACT AN AIRLINE PASSENGER BILL OF RIGHTS

Introduced: 4/14/08

By Mr. Zeilman, Ms. Benedict, Messrs. Carman, Clouse, Ms. Lockart, Messrs. Mendick and Tunny:

WHEREAS, Following a series of well publicized incidents in which airline passengers endure lengthy delays grounded on New York runways some, without being provided water or food, the New York State Legislature appropriately enacted the Airline Passenger Bill of Rights, and

WHEREAS, The Legislature required airlines to provide electrical generation service in order to provide temporary power for fresh air and lights; waste removal service in order to service the holding tanks for on-board restrooms; and adequate food and drinking water and other refreshments for delays greater than three hours, and

WHEREAS, The airlines, instead of complying with the minimum decent treatment of their passengers, brought a federal lawsuit, and

WHEREAS, The United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit found "Although the goals of the Airline Passenger Bill of Rights are laudable and the circumstances motivating its enactment deplorable, only the Federal government has the authority to enact such a law," now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body urge U.S. Representative from the State of New York to sponsor an Airline Passenger Bill of Rights, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That this Honorable Body urge the United State Congress to enact an Airline Passenger Bill of Rights, and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County officials, U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton and all members of the House of Representatives representing New York State.

Resolution was withdrawn by sponsors. 4/14/08