

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1719

WHEREAS, the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport provides essential transportation to the citizens of the State of Missouri as well as to citizens from all over the globe; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Airport Authority was established to promote the general welfare and provide for safe and convenient air travel and transportation to and from the St. Louis regional area; and

WHEREAS, the study for regional control and ownership of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport warrants further investigation:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, hereby establish the "Select Committee on the Regional Control of the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport" to be composed of seven members of the Senate with no fewer than two members whose districts represent the City of St. Louis, with no fewer than two members whose districts represent St. Louis County and with the remaining senators to be selected with no more than two from any other county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the committee shall make an in-depth study of potential effects of the regional control or ownership of the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport and shall determine the benefits or detriments, including but not limited to:

- (1) Financial ramifications for the City of St. Louis and the State of Missouri;
- (2) Compensation of the current owners of the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport as a part of any transfer of ownership of the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport;
- (3) Revenue sources and current operations of the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport Authority;
- (4) Potential assumption of the bond indebtedness of the City of St. Louis for the ownership, operation and growth of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport;
- (5) Issues involving employee compensation, including wages, pension plans and other benefit programs which may arise as a result of any transfer of ownership;
- (6) Issues between the City of St. Louis and any new regional authority.

The committee shall make such recommendations as it deems necessary and shall be authorized to function from July 1, 2002, to December 31, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President Pro Tem of the Senate shall appoint the

members of the committee by July 1, 2002, and such committee shall meet within ten days of its establishment and organize by selecting a chairman and vice-chairman; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall study and prepare a report, together with its recommendations for submission to the General Assembly by December 31, 2002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the staff of Senate Research shall provide such legal, clerical, technical and bill drafting services as the committee may require in the performance of its duties. The expenses related to this committee shall be paid from the Senate contingency fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the President Pro Tem of the Senate.

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