

Aviation Legislation

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Concerns with: Funding; Pilot Certificates; Security

The US House of Representatives and the Senate are still working with short term funding bills. Possibly those pushing for the dreaded user fees believe that if it goes on for long enough, we will have forgotten our objections. Again deadlines have passed and still no long-term budget and as we mentioned before there are about 10 million jobs and one trillion dollars at stake, we do need something done. (That's trillion—with a "T.")

Last year we discussed the ICAO requirement to have our pilot certificates marked as "English Proficient" which took effect on May 5 of 2009, required for returning to the States from anywhere, but now FAA is saying that within the next "few months" they plan to bring up the requirement for a PICTURE on our pilot's license AGAIN. This picture requirement was proposed more than six (6) years ago, but I guess we never will understand the timing of such things.

On September 30, 2009, some members of the US House of Representatives went on record in an attempt to reign in what they described as TSA's unchecked authority with a bill H.R.3678. I'm sure all of us have been through the on again—off again airport security rules that the barefoot bandit managed to get around so easily. Hopefully the new international groups being formed under Homeland Security will be more consistent.

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