

INVESTING IN AMERICAN JOBS  
AND CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES  
ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. BOB ETHERIDGE**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this bill to invest in American jobs and close tax loopholes.

This bill is about one thing, and one thing only: jobs. It extends initiatives that are making a difference creating jobs and rebuilding our communities, and it closes tax loopholes that are helping big businesses ship jobs overseas.

North Carolina is creating jobs and saving money using Build America Bonds to improve communities across the Second District. This bill will expand these bonds to put more people to work, on projects like expanding sewers in Youngsville, Fayetteville, and Pittsboro, building schools in Lee County and Franklin County, and expanding hospitals and roads where they are most needed. The bill also extends and expands job subsidies that are helping struggling workers and small businesses at the same time. The other side has repeatedly said that we must help private companies expand; this funding makes sure that businesses can grow and workers whose jobs are at risk can keep their skills up-to-date.

This bill is an important step in our effort to promote an American Manufacturing Jobs agenda that will close loopholes that help companies move jobs overseas, support American jobs at home, and enable U.S. companies to bring back "Made in the U.S.A."

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation.

AIRLINE SAFETY AND FEDERAL  
AVIATION ADMINISTRATION EX-  
TENSION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 29, 2010*

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5900, the Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act.

Today we have the opportunity to make good on the promise we made to the Families of Flight 3407 when we passed the Airline Safety and Pilot Training Improvement Act in October of last year. Our promise that Congress would act to correct the lack of oversight and safety standards that contributed to the crash of Continental Flight 3407 in Buffalo, NY in February of 2009, taking the lives of 50 people.

Three residents of New Jersey's 12th Congressional district were on this flight; Lorin Maurer, Ron Gonzales and Coleman Mellett. I have spoken with and heard from their families and friends, and my thoughts and prayers go out to them as they cope with the loss of these outstanding individuals. Lorin was a rising star at Princeton University whose positive attitude and volunteerism served as a shining example for the community. Ron was a tireless advocate for his community and he worked hard to save children who were in crisis due to domestic violence, drugs, gangs, and other social ills. And Coleman was a talented musician. Their passing was a huge loss to our community. I have been vigilant in working to ensure that we address the serious safety concerns that led to the crash.

A series of National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) hearings exposed the disturbing fact that the crash of Flight 3407 was preventable. The pilots had received inadequate training on how to recover from a stall and how to proceed in icing conditions. Severe pilot fatigue also was identified as the cause of the crash. The NTSB found that regional carriers are held to lower safety standards than national carriers despite regional airlines' accounting for one-half of all scheduled flights in the United States. As a result, five of the last seven fatal commercial plane crashes involved regional carriers.

As more Americans rely on commuter airlines for air service, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must take aggressive action to ensure that there is no difference in the level of safety provided by different air carriers. The NTSB hearings also made clear that the FAA has failed to issue regulations based on previous NTSB recommendations to establish uniform standards for training and performance. We owe it to the families and friends of the victims of the Flight 3407 to take action to prevent such tragedies in the future.

Last year I joined my colleagues from Upstate New York, CHRISTOPHER LEE and BRIAN HIGGINS in introducing the One Level of Safety

Act. Our legislation would require regional carriers to meet the same training and safety standards of national carriers.

Additionally, it would require the FAA to implement the unfulfilled NTSB recommendations that were found to be responsible for this crash. I would like to thank Chairman COSTELLO for including these important provisions in the Airline Safety & Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act, and I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECOGNIZING DUANE FOUTS, THE  
2011 PRESIDENT OF THE ARIZONA  
ASSOCIATION OF REAL-  
TORS®

**HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 10, 2010*

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Duane Fouts, who was recently elected the 2011 President of the Arizona Association of Realtors®. Mr. Fouts will be installed as President on October 6, 2010.

Though his career began in 1988 as a salesperson, Mr. Fouts climbed his way up the proverbial ladder of the real estate industry. Frequently recognized for his contributions and leadership in the past, I am confident that Mr. Fouts will continue to demonstrate such leadership and admirably represent the 42,000 plus membership of the Arizona Association of Realtors®.

Mr. Fouts has earned numerous leadership appointments and industry awards for professional contributions, including the 2008 Realtor of the Year in Phoenix. He also gives back to his community as volunteer for the Scottsdale Boys and Girls Club as a basketball coach, and with Habitat for Humanity. I am proud to represent Mr. Fouts and his family—he and his wife Jill have two children and five grandchildren—in Arizona's 5th District.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mr. Duane Fouts as an important member of Arizona's 5th District and the 2011 President of the Arizona Association of Realtors®.