

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(44)

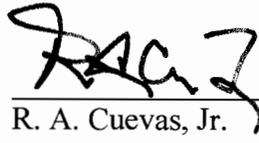
TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 30, 2009

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the U.S.
Senate to enact H.R. 2200
increasing federal funding for
the installation of the Explosive
Detection System (EDS) in-
line with the baggage system at
Miami International Airport

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.



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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- Budget required
- Statement of fiscal impact required
- Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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6-30-09

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. SENATE TO ENACT H.R.
2200 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION INCREASING FEDERAL
FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE EXPLOSIVE
DETECTION SYSTEM (EDS) IN-LINE WITH THE BAGGAGE
SYSTEM AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has approved H.R. 2200, the Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act, that would authorize \$15.6 billion for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for fiscal years 2010 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, this bipartisan legislation includes a provision sponsored by Representative Lincoln Diaz-Balart that would reimburse airports for 90 percent of eligible costs to install Explosive Detection Systems (EDS) in-line with the airports' baggage sorting system; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the clear intent of Congress, in the summer of 2008 some airports, including Miami International, were awarded TSA grants with a 75 percent federal participation rate, while other airports were awarded grants with a 90 percent rate; and

WHEREAS, the Diaz-Balart provision would substantially benefit Miami International Airport by increasing its TSA federal funding rate from 75 percent to 90 percent funding agreements; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County currently received a TSA grant in the amount of \$54.4 million based on a 75 percent reimbursement rate, but by increasing the federal share to 90 percent would result in an increase, reflecting a difference of approximately \$11 million; and

WHEREAS, placing all airports at a 90 percent federal reimbursement rate would level the playing field for funding the installation of EDS at the nation's airports, restore fairness to

TSA's discretionary funding of EDS projects, and ensure that these critical airport security projects can be completed on a timely basis; and

WHEREAS, action on the TSA authorization legislation now turns to the U.S. Senate, which to date has not yet introduced TSA authorization legislation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Senate to enact TSA authorization legislation increasing federal funding for installation of Explosive Detection Systems in-line with the airports' baggage sortation system.

Section 2. Urges Florida Senators to work to include the House-passed 90 percent funding provision in the Senate TSA authorization legislation and assure that this provision is retained in the final legislation passed by both Houses.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Senator Bill Nelson and Senator Mel Martinez, and the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above, and authorizes and directs that the 2009 and 2010 Federal Legislative Packages be amended to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
Carlos A. Gimenez
Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 30th day of June, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty