

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (16)

TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 2, 2013

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

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
Transportation Security
Administration to reverse
its decision to allow passengers
to transport small knives,
baseball bats, and other sports
equipment on U.S. airplanes

Resolution No. R-263-13

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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Please note any items checked.

- "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
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- No committee review
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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4-2-13

RESOLUTION NO. R-263-13

RESOLUTION URGING THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION TO REVERSE ITS DECISION TO
ALLOW PASSENGERS TO TRANSPORT SMALL KNIVES,
BASEBALL BATS, AND OTHER SPORTS EQUIPMENT ON
U.S. AIRPLANES

WHEREAS, small knives, baseball bats, and other sports equipment, were prohibited from U.S. airline flights and aircraft cabins in the wake of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, at a January 2004 hearing of the 9/11 Commission, it was stated by a commission staff member that a number of hijackers were carrying utility knives or pocket knives, which were permissible under the regulations in place at the time; and

WHEREAS, the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration has announced that those items will once again be allowed on U.S. airline flights as of April 25, 2013, pursuant to new Transportation Security Administration regulations; and

WHEREAS, flight crews, which report confrontations with unruly airline passengers more than 100 times a year, are warning that allowing small knives and other prohibited items back on airplanes can make tense situations in the air even more dangerous; and

WHEREAS, recently a Miami-Dade police detective, who was escorting a violent career felon from Miami to Las Vegas as a routine prison transfer, was severely stabbed by the felon who managed to break his eyeglass frames and use it like a dagger, pounding the weapon repeatedly in to the chest and back of the Miami-Dade police detective; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade police detective was transferring the felon by airplane from Miami, before the felon was kicked off the airplane after causing a ruckus and the Miami-Dade police detective was forced to continue the transfer of the felon by SUV; and

WHEREAS, allowing travelers to have items that can be used as weapons turns often stress-filled passenger cabins into a more dangerous and incendiary environment for other passengers, crew, and even law enforcement officers, who have been trained in self-defense,

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

Section 1. Urges the Transportation Security Administration to reverse their decision to allow small knives, baseball bats, and other sports equipment onto U.S. airline flights.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the two U.S. Senators that represent Florida, the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation and the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2013 Federal Legislative Package to include this item.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Dennis C. Moss. It was offered by Commissioner **José "Pepe" Diaz**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman	aye
	Lynda Bell, Vice Chair	aye
Bruno A. Barreiro	absent	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr. aye
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye	Audrey M. Edmonson aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss aye
Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye	Xavier L. Suarez aye
Juan C. Zapata	aye	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 2nd day of April, 2013. 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: **Christopher Agrippa**
 Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
 to form and legal sufficiency.

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