

**REPORT OF THE  
DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
To  
THE GOVERNOR  
And  
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA**



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Report of the  
Dulles International Airport Development Commission  
to  
The Governor and The General Assembly of Virginia

Richmond, Virginia

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TO: HONORABLE LINWOOD HOLTON, *Governor of Virginia*

and

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF VIRGINIA

The Dulles International Airport Development Commission was created by the 1968 General Assembly in recognition of the economic benefits to be derived by the Commonwealth from the continued growth and fuller utilization of Dulles International Airport.

Following the report of the Commission's activities submitted in January of 1970, the General Assembly decided to continue the Commission, by means of House Joint Resolution No. 90. Again in 1972, the General Assembly continued the Commission through the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 32, the text of which is as follows:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

Continuing the Dulles International Airport Development Commission.

Whereas, the nineteen hundred sixty-eight General Assembly by House Joint Resolution No. 16 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 27 created the Dulles International Airport Development Commission to further the development of Dulles International Airport to its fullest potential; and

Whereas, the nineteen hundred seventy General Assembly, by the terms of House Joint Resolution No. 90, did continue in existence such Commission; and

Whereas, such Commission has engaged in many activities to promote the use of Dulles International Airport, which activities were highly successful and carried out at no cost to the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the federal government has announced its intention to make the United States International Transportation Exposition a biennial event; and

Whereas, it is vital that there exists an effective liaison between this Commonwealth and the federal government to assist in the promotion of such exposition which will bring many travelers and much revenue to this Commonwealth; and

Whereas, the continued encouragement and promotion of the Dulles International Airport is essential to its growth and of benefit to the entire Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Virginia, the House of Delegates concurring, That the Dulles International Airport Development Commission continued by the above referenced Resolution be continued. The present mem-

bers shall continue as the members of the Commission, provided that if any member be unwilling or unable to serve, or for any other reason a vacancy occurs, his successor shall be appointed by the Privileges and Elections Committee of the Senate from the membership thereof or the Speaker of the House of Delegates from the membership thereof in turn as such vacancies occur. The Commission shall engage in any activity or project designed to promote the Dulles International Airport and shall continue to represent the interests of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Dulles International Airport as they may arise before any and all federal or State agencies.

The Commission is authorized to accept and expend grants and contributions of money for any activity authorized by this Resolution to benefit the Dulles International Airport.

Not later than December one, nineteen hundred seventy-three, the Commission shall make a report of its activities to the Governor and the General Assembly.

The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be paid the necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties for the Commission, for which and for the purposes of this Commission there is appropriated from the contingent fund of the General Assembly a sum sufficient not to exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars.

The membership of the Commission was continued as follows: Robert C. Fitzgerald of Fairfax, the Chairman of the Commission; Grady W. Dalton of Richlands; Congressman W. C. (Dan) Daniel of Danville; Robert V. H. Duncan of Alexandria; W. Calvin Falwell of Lynchburg; Josef M. Gardiner of Rappahannock County; Irby N. Hollans, Jr. of Fairfax; William P. Kellam of Virginia Beach; Charles Majer of Fairfax; Stanley A. Owens, Jr. of Prince William County; George P. Shafran of Arlington; Congressman J. Kenneth Robinson of Winchester; Martin L. Schnider of Arlington; Dewey W. Swicegood of Danville; and, Vincent F. Callahan of McLean.

The Virginia Advisory Legislative Council and the Division of Legislative Services made staff and facilities available to the Commission, with Laurens Sartoris and Constance D. Sprouse serving the Commission.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Commission on behalf of the airport since the 1972 report.

1. The Dulles Commission has continued its activities to protect the access road to Dulles. The access road is becoming increasingly more crowded due to the increasing use of the airport coupled with the use of the road by local residents. The membership requested the Commissioner of Highways to proceed with the development of a parallel highway facility to serve the citizens adjacent to the access road in order that exits on the road may be closed and the road returned to its designed purpose.

2. To improve ground access to Dulles, the Commission has worked closely with the Virginia Department of Highways to urge the federal highway authorities to bring about the earliest possible completion of Interstate 66 in Northern Virginia. The completion of I-66 would increase the utilization of the airport and decrease the time element in reaching the airport.

3. The Commission, after participating in the 1972 United States International Transportation Exposition (TRANSPO), has continued to

provide the Commonwealth with a liaison in representing the aviation interest of the State. It has requested the United States Secretary of Transportation to consider sponsoring TRANSPO again at Dulles since the United States has historically held a position of being the world's leader as an air power and existing facilities at Dulles provide an appropriate setting for such exposition.

4. One of the greatest hindrances to the development of Dulles has been the existence of a substantial differential in international air freight rates which causes shippers to favor Kennedy International Airport over Dulles as an east coast terminal. The Fairfax Industrial Development Authority has been commended by the Commission for its decisive role in proceedings before the Civil Aeronautics Board to try to correct this discriminatory situation.

5. The Commission believes that the existing structure of federal control at Dulles International Airport is the source of many of the problems hampering its full utilization, and has followed with interest the various legislation introduced by Senator William B. Spong, Jr., and Congressmen Gerald Ford and Gilbert Gude. The Commission has gone on record as favoring transfer of Dulles and Washington National Airports to State control, or if this is not feasible, their transfer to an administrative agency whose sole function is the operation of the airports. Two of its members, Messrs. Hollans and Schnider, have continued to serve on the Commission to Study the Desirability and Feasibility of the Acquisition of Washington National and Dulles International Airports. An effective liaison has been established so that the interests of Dulles can be fairly represented in any endeavor to change the existing situation with respect to control of these facilities.

6. The Commission, in continuing its efforts to promote Dulles as the finest airport facility in the world, has worked with the Virginia State Travel Service to promote Dulles as the gateway to our Nation's Capitol and our State. The Virginia State Travel Service recognizes the benefits which would accrue to the State if Dulles was included in its promotion of State attractions.

7. The problem of a custom house remote from Dulles has been brought to the attention of the Commission. The custom house, which is approximately a ninety mile round trip to and from the airport, has made some personnel available in the airport but the space for such personnel has been provided by private interests. It would well serve the cargo industry at Dulles to have an efficient, convenient customs facility. To this end the Commission has contacted the United States Customs Bureau and has requested the establishment of such facility.

8. The Commission, in recognizing Dulles as the "Gateway to the Nation", has requested the United States Secretary of Transportation to consider changing the name of Dulles to Washington International Airport, Dulles Terminal. A representative of the Commission has been appointed to confer with the Secretary and the Virginia congressional delegation regarding this request.

All of these activities were carried out at no cost to the Commonwealth save the actual expenses of the members' attendance at meetings.

The Commission believes that the development of Dulles Airport to its full potential is progressing and hopes that this progress has been in some measure due to its efforts. It is satisfied that the existence of a group to

promote the interests of Dulles International Airport is desirable. Therefore it respectfully requests consideration of the attached resolution continuing the Commission for another biennium.

Respectfully submitted,

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Whereas, the nineteen hundred seventy General Assembly by the terms of House Joint Resolution Number 90 did continue in existence such Commission; and

Whereas, the nineteen hundred seventy-two General Assembly did once again continue in existence such Commission by the terms of Senate Joint Resolution Number 32; and

Whereas, the activities of the Commission to promote the interests of Dulles International Airport and thereby the Commonwealth have been pursued in a highly successful fashion at little cost to Virginia; and

Whereas, the continued encouragement and promotion of the Dulles International Airport is essential to its growth and of economic benefit to the entire Commonwealth; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ concurring, That the Dulles International Airport Development Commission continued by the above referenced resolutions be again continued in existence. The present members shall continue as the members of the Commission; provided, that if any member be unwilling or unable to serve or for any other reason a vacancy occur, his successor shall be appointed by the Privileges and Elections Committee of the Senate from the membership of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Delegates from the membership thereof in turn as such vacancies occur. The Commission shall engage in any activity or project designed to promote the Dulles International Airport and shall continue to represent the interests of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the Dulles International Airport as they may arise before any and all federal or State agencies.

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