

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4772

To prohibit the use of Federal funds to accept commercial flight plans for travel between the United States and Cuba until certain known fugitives are returned to the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2016

Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Justice Before Com-
5 merce Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR**
2 **COMMERCIAL FLIGHT PLANS FOR TRAVEL**
3 **BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) In 1971, Charles Hill, along with Ralph
6 Lawrence and Albert Finney, hijacked an airplane
7 leaving Albuquerque, New Mexico, and carrying 150
8 passengers, in order to flee from prosecution after
9 allegedly murdering New Mexico State Police officer
10 Robert Rosenbloom.

11 (2) Although both Lawrence and Finney have
12 since died, Hill is known to be alive and residing in
13 Cuba, after being granted asylum protections by
14 Cuba.

15 (3) Cuba harbors more than 70 known fugitives
16 from justice from the United States, preventing
17 their prosecution in United States courts.

18 (4) The President of the United States has re-
19 cently expanded diplomatic relations with Cuba with-
20 out regard to the fugitives from justice from the
21 United States who reside safely within that com-
22 munist country's borders.

23 (5) The United States and Cuba have bilateral
24 extradition treaties, established in 1905 and 1926
25 (33 Stat. 2265, 33 Stat. 2273, and 44 Stat. 2392,
26 respectively).

1 (b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the
2 United States to expect the Cuban government to extra-
3 dite to the United States all known fugitives from justice
4 from the United States.

5 (c) PROHIBITION.—No Federal funds may be used
6 to accept commercial flight plans for travel between the
7 United States and Cuba before the date on which Cuba
8 extradites to the United States the last known fugitive
9 from justice from the United States who is located in
10 Cuba.

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