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S. 1459

To prohibit air carriers from charging a fee for the transportation of checked baggage by members of the Armed Forces traveling to or from an overseas contingency operation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2011

Mr. BAUCUS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Four Free Bags for
5 Freedom Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. BAGGAGE FEES PROHIBITED.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—An air carrier (as defined in sec-
8 tion 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code) may not

1 charge any fee for the transport of 4 or fewer items of
2 baggage checked by a member of the Armed Forces if such
3 member—

4 (1) is traveling in scheduled air transportation
5 on official military orders; and

6 (2) is being deployed on, or returning from, an
7 overseas contingency operation.

8 (b) LIMITATION.—As used in subsection (a), the term
9 “item of baggage” does not include any item that weighs
10 more than 80 pounds.

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