



With the passage of the CRomnibus spending bill, the 113th Congress adjourned. On January 6th the 114th Congress was sworn in. It's important to note that the 113th Congress was marginally more productive than the 112th Congress.

Given the lack of productiveness, we achieved notable legislative successes. They include:

- Last year Flight Attendants won a major battle to reverse national security policy and keep knives out of the passenger cabin. We now have a Bill in both the House and Senate for a permanent ban on knives in the aircraft cabin.
- We oppose efforts by The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that could allow mobile voice communications on commercial aircraft and any new emerging technology that would introduce a new aviation security risk in the cabin. We introduced and urge Congress to pass the [Commercial Flight Courtesy Act](#).
- AFA fought to keep the Department of Labor from approving the [Norwegian Air Foreign Air Carrier Permit](#). We will continue to endorse the [DenyNai Campaign](#). We are committed to save US aviation jobs by not allowing corporate greed to outsource labor.
- Was the leading aviation union protecting against infectious diseases like Ebola.
- The implementation of new OSHA protections for flight attendants.
- Solicited Congressional Funding for the completion of the Flight '93 memorial.
- We oppose the Trans-Pacific Program (TPP), Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTiP) and [the Fast Track Authority](#) needed for the former to be enacted quickly. We urge Congress not to cede its Congressional obligation to review, amend, and debate trade agreements through Fast Track Authority.

This year, in addition to continue opposing and barring Fast Track Authority, the [Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership \(TTiP\)](#) and the [Trans-Pacific Partnership \(TPP\)](#), top legislative priorities include:



FAA Reauthorization Bill

Every several years, Congress is required to enact legislation to authorize funding and set policies for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The current reauthorization and federal aviation programs expire in September 2015. Some priorities are:

- Enhancing further definition of provisions restricting foreign control of U.S. airlines.
- Flight attendant legal minimum rest requirements.
- Mandatory evacuation certification.



Transportation Security Administration

TSA Authorization

- We will continue our [No Knives campaign](#) and fight to keep knives on the prohibited items list.
- Mandatory flight attendant security/self-defense training (similar to the program currently offered by the TSA).
- Continuation of the current Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) ban on inflight cell phone use and any other technology that may compromise the security on the aircraft.

FlightPac is a critically important tool to achieve our goals!

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