

The original documents are located in Box 117, folder “Civil Aeronautics Board” of the Ron Nessen Papers at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Ron Nessen donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

December 20, 1974

QUESTION: Why are you not reappointing Richard D. Timm
as Chairman of the CAB?

ANSWER : The airline industry is facing difficult challenges
because of rising fuel prices and the impact of
inflation. The President believes it is desirable
to have a new Chairman to lead the Board in addressing
these issues.

QUESTION: Timm has been accused of improper activities. Does this
action mean that the President agrees with these
accusations? And, if so, why does he permit him
to continue as a Board member?

ANSWER : It would be inappropriate for the President to pass
judgment on any such allegations. He does
feel it is time for a change in leadership. Mr. Timm
is serving in a fixed 6-year term on the CAB and does
not serve at the pleasure of the President.

December 20, 1974

Question:

Does this mean the President wants to change CAB policies?

Answer:

You should not read any such interpretation into today's announcement.

Question:

Why is Gilliland being extended for 6 months?

Answer:

To maintain continuity in the activities in the CAB during the period when a new Chairman is undergoing confirmation.

CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARDIndependentAUTHORITY: 49 U.S.C. 1321METHOD: Nominated to the Senate

MEMBERS: FIVE. Not more than THREE of the members shall be appointed from the same political party. The members of the Board shall be appointed with due regard to their fitness for the efficient dispatch of the powers and duties vested in and imposed upon the Board by the Federal Aviation Act of 1958. Each member of the Board shall be a citizen of the United States and no member of the Board shall have any pecuniary interest in or own any stock in or bonds of any civil aeronautics enterprise. No member of the Board shall engage in any other business, vocation or employment.

CHAIRMAN: The President shall designate annually one of the members to serve as CHAIRMAN and one of the members to serve as VICE CHAIRMAN.
VICE CHAIRMAN:

TERM: SIX YEARS, except that any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term, but upon the expiration of his term a member shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed and shall have qualified. The members of the Board may be removed by the President for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

HOLDOVER

SALARY: CHAIRMAN: ~~\$23,500 per annum~~, Level III)
 MEMBERS: ~~\$21,000 per annum~~, Level IV)

PL 88-426,
8/14/64