

Highlights of HR 2200 Transportation Security Administration Authorization Act

- For the first time Congress slowed down a TSA project of making whole-body scanners the primary scanning system at airports.
- TSA jurisdiction will be expanded to rail and subways and other surface transportation.
- Cargo screening will be stepped up.
- Off-shore airline maintenance facilities will have to meet similar security standards as those where planes are repaired here at home.
- Funding will be allocated based on “risk” rather than on population or regions.
- Stakeholders in the transportation (and hopefully consumers) will have a say in TSA’s planned operations.
- Airport perimeter security will be strengthened.
- Flight attendants will get self-defense training of not less than 5 hours during each 2-year period for all cabin crew members.
- Registered Traveler program will get a new push with biometric technology.
- 200 new canine teams will work inspecting cargo and luggage.
- Workers accompanying barges towed by oxen or horses along national park canals will not have to hold a transportation security card.
- Military personnel in uniform and traveling on orders with their family will get expedited security screenings.