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Recognition

The fact that gliding and soaring is at last receiving government recognition is evidenced by the fact that on January 10, of this year, the Honorable Pat McCarran, U. S. Senator from Nevada, introduced a bill into the Senate of the United States to authorize the establishment of a Civilian Glider Pilot Training Division in the Civil Aeronautics Authority. It is urged that all members of the Society give their earnest support to this and all subsequent bills designed to benefit the soaring movement. The bill is reprinted below in its entirety.

77th CONGRESS—1st Session
S. 290

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 10, 1941

Mr. McCarran introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce

A BILL

To establish a Civilian Glider Pilot Training Division in the Civil Aeronautics Authority, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that there is hereby created and established within the Civil Aeronautics Authority, a Glider Pilot Training Division, the functions of which shall be as follows:

(a) To sponsor the formation of glider clubs in high schools, colleges, and universities in the United States by furnishing information with respect to the organization, financing, and operation of such clubs.

(b) To furnish to such clubs, at cost, plans, specifications, and directions for the construction of gliders and sailplanes of various types.

(c) To inspect and license airworthy gliders and sailplanes, for a nominal fee.

(d) To furnish gliding and soaring instruction to at least two members of each glider club applying for such assistance, on the pledge of such members that they in turn will instruct the other members of the club gratis.

(e) To examine and license proficient glider and sailplane pilots for the various types of license, at a nominal fee.

(f) To conduct research and make studies and investigations with respect to means and methods of promoting and carrying on education in aviation in the United States.

(g) To furnish information and assistance to organizations seeking to promote such education.

(h) To cooperate with public educational institutions in providing plans and material for instruction in aeronautics, including such subjects as aerodynamics, the theory of flight, the airplane and its engine, meteorology, and map reading.

(i) To stimulate interest in aviation among the youth of the Nation.

(j) To assemble, compile, and maintain for reference and distribution records and statistical and other data on occupational opportunities in the field of aviation and the availability of training in aviation.

(k) To prepare and distribute material for extension courses.

(1) Such other functions as are necessarily incident to promoting education in aviation or related thereto.

Sec. 2.—(a) The chief administrative official of such Division shall be known as the Director, and shall be appointed by the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics. The salary of the Director of such Division shall be \$9,000 per annum. There shall be in such Division an Assistant Director, to be appointed by the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics, who shall possess the power and perform the duties of the Director during a vacancy in the office of Director. The salary of the Assistant Director shall be \$8,000 per annum.

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