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## **PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM**

**REFORM BENEFITS MANUFACTURERS, WORKERS & CONSUMERS;  
DEMOCRAT STRATEGY PROTECTS BONANZA FOR TRIAL LAWYERS**

FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS, THE DEMOCRAT MAJORITY IN THE SENATE HAS BEEN MAINTAINING A DETERMINED FILIBUSTER TO BLOCK ANY KIND OF PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM LEGISLATION FROM REACHING THE FLOOR.

THE FILIBUSTER CONTINUES DESPITE THE FACT THAT AMERICAN BUSINESS IS BEING CRIPPLED BY CURRENT LAW, A LAW THAT FAVORS LAWYERS OVER MANUFACTURERS, WORKERS AND CONSUMERS.

THE FILIBUSTER CONTINUES DESPITE THE FACT THAT PRODUCT LIABILITY INSURANCE COSTS ARE FIFTEEN TIMES HIGHER IN THE UNITED STATES THAN IN JAPAN.

### **IMPACT ON AVIATION INDUSTRY**

THE FILIBUSTER CONTINUES DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUR GENERAL AVIATION MANUFACTURING, ONCE THE ENVY OF THE WORLD, IS NOW ALMOST NON EXISTENT BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT SYSTEM.

THE FILIBUSTER CONTINUES DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE PROHIBITIVE COSTS OF LIABILITY INSURANCE PREVENT NEW MEDICINES AND NEW PRODUCTS FROM BEING INTRODUCED TO THE MARKET.

THE FILIBUSTER CONTINUES DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE CRYING OUT FOR REFORM.

IT'S NOT THAT BILLS HAVEN'T BEEN INTRODUCED. THEY HAVE. IT'S NOT THAT SENATORS HAVEN'T WORKED HARD TO BRING PRODUCT LIABILITY REFORM TO THE FLOOR. NO ONE HAS WORKED HARDER THAN SENATOR KASTEN TO DO JUST THAT. SENATORS DANFORTH, GRASSLEY, AND MURKOWSKI HAVE ALSO PERFORMED YEOMAN'S WORK.

AND SENATORS KASSEBAUM AND MCCAIN HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD IN THE ISSUE OF AVIATION PRODUCTS LIABILITY.

### **CURRENT SYSTEM REDUCES COMPETITIVENESS, KILLS JOBS**

BUT DESPITE COMMITTEE HEARINGS--HEARINGS THAT SOMETIMES LED TO LEGISLATION BEING PASSED OUT OF COMMITTEE--THIS MATTER SOMEHOW NEVER MAKES IT TO THE SENATE FLOOR.

AND WHILE THE MAJORITY DEMOCRATS HAPPILY MAINTAIN THEIR STUBBORN FILIBUSTER WITH THE BLESSINGS OF THE AMERICAN TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, THE SYSTEM CONTINUES TO BREAK DOWN, AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS IS WEAKENED, AND JOBS ARE LOST.

NOW I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST LAWYERS. I'M A LAWYER. I'M MARRIED TO A LAWYER. SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE LAWYERS.

BUT I DO HAVE SOMETHING AGAINST LAWYERS WHO REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AMERICA CAN DO BETTER.

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