



Airlines Resisting Biden's Efforts to Enforce Ban on 'Junk Fees'

Description

Several of the largest airlines in the United States are challenging a new rule from the Biden administration that would require them to disclose certain fees upfront as part of the total cost of airfare. These fees, which are typically added for luggage and changes to reservations, are referred to as "surprise junk fees" by the government.

A trade group called Airlines for America, along with six major airlines including American, Delta, United, JetBlue, Alaska, and Hawaiian, has filed a petition in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit seeking to overturn the ancillary fee rule. They argue that the rule is "arbitrary, capricious," and outside the Transportation Department's authority.

The rule, which is set to go into effect on July 1 after an 18-month process, aims to save consumers over \$500 million annually by requiring airlines to show fees for services like checked bags, carry-on bags, and reservation changes upfront. Consumer advocate John Breyault of the National Consumers League supports the rule, stating that it allows for easier comparison of flight costs.

Despite the airlines' opposition, the Transportation Department is standing firm, defending the rule as a way to protect consumers from hidden fees and ensure transparent pricing in the airline industry. The Biden administration's efforts to combat "junk fees" extend beyond airlines to other industries like credit cards, resorts, and cable companies.

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Vocabulary List:

1. **Ancillary** // (adjective): Providing necessary support to the primary activities or operation of an organization.
2. **Capricious** // (adjective): Given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior.
3. **Arbitrary** // (adjective): Based on random choice or personal whim rather than any reason or system.
4. **Transparent** // (adjective): Allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be distinctly seen.
5. **Comparison** // (noun): The act of examining the characteristics or qualities of two or more different things to determine their similarities and differences.
6. **Efforts** // (noun): Concerted attempts or endeavors made to achieve a goal or result.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is a term used to describe a sudden and significant increase?

- Option: Plunged
- Option: Surged
- Option: Stagnated
- Option: Fluctuated

2. What does the term "resistance" typically refer to?

- Option: Ease
- Option: Adaptation
- Option: Compliance
- Option: Opposition

3. Which term best describes something that is of vital importance?

- Option: Optional
- Option: Insignificant
- Option: Crucial
- Option: Superfluous

4. Which term is related to sound?

- Option: Visual
- Option: Auditory
- Option: Taste
- Option: Touch



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5. What is a characteristic of something described as "innovative"?
- Option: Traditional
 - Option: Stagnant
 - Option: Conventional
 - Option: Groundbreaking
6. Which term describes the action of being watchful and alert for potential dangers?
- Option: Complacency
 - Option: Vigilance
 - Option: Neglect
 - Option: Carelessness
7. What does it mean if something is "estimated"?
- Option: Exact
 - Option: Speculated
 - Option: Confirmed
 - Option: Precise
8. What is typically awarded as a prize?
- Option: Penalty
 - Option: Compensation
 - Option: Punishment
 - Option: Reward
9. What does the term "ancillary" refer to?
- Option: Primary
 - Option: Secondary
 - Option: Integral
 - Option: Intrinsic
10. What is a characteristic of a process described as "transparent"?
- Option: Obscure
 - Option: Clear
 - Option: Opaque
 - Option: Concealed

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The magician showcased _____ skills during the performance.
12. The doctor recommended an _____ to address the patient's condition.



13. The lucky winner hit the _____ in the casino.
14. Please submit your report by the _____ to avoid delays.
15. Proper _____ practices are essential to maintain hygiene.
16. You have the _____ to choose between different payment methods.
17. The automobile company issued a _____ of faulty vehicles.
18. Rice is a _____ food in many Asian countries.
19. The decision was deemed _____ by the employees.
20. The spa offers _____ treatments to rejuvenate the body and mind.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

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| 21. The success of the project was mainly to the collaborative efforts of the team. |
| 22. The importance of regular exercise was in the fitness program. |
| 23. The old building was to modernize its facilities. |
| 24. The key objective is to clearly the brand from its competitors. |
| 25. The decisions are made collectively by the organization's . |
| 26. The hotel underwent extensive to enhance guest experience. |
| 27. The water source was deemed unsafe after being found . |
| 28. Proper practices are crucial in preventing the spread of diseases. |
| 29. The team's combined led to the successful completion of the project. |
| 30. The player was from the team pending further investigation. |

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Surged 2. Opposition 3. Crucial 4. Auditory 5. Groundbreaking 6. Vigilance 7. Speculated
8. Reward



9. Secondary 10. Clear

Gap-Fill: 11. remarkable 12. intervention 13. jackpot 14. deadline 15. sanitation 16. option 17. recall 18. staple 19. arbitrary 20. revitalizing

Matching sentence: 1. attributed 2. emphasized 3. renovated 4. differentiate 5. board of directors 6. renovations 7. contaminated 8. sanitation 9. efforts 10. suspended

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