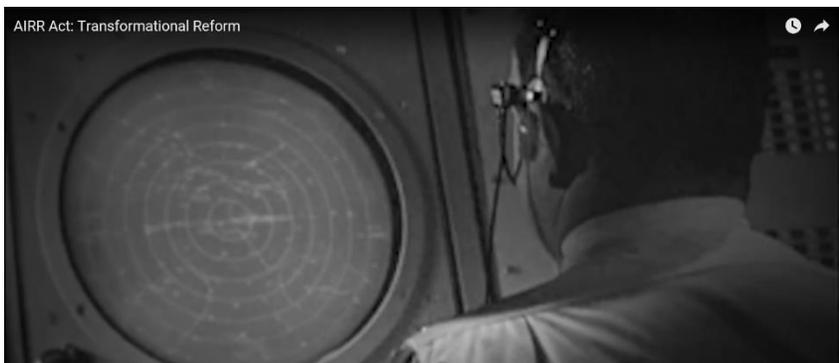*Opening sequence: glass and metal at a modern air terminal; a jet engine; and, a passenger's paper ticket being scanned.*

Modern aviation. It started here in America, with the Wright Brothers. Some hard work and a lot of ingenuity. Today we have the most extensive aviation system in the world. It's an industry that's responsible for millions of jobs and over five percent of our GDP, including manufacturing aviation products, as well as moving people and cargo. It connects us in ways that nothing else can.

Our air traffic control system is aging. It still relies on technologies from the World War II era. The FAA has been working on modernizing this system for decades. But, after billions of dollars and years of delays, there's still no end in sight. Innovation and the approval of new technologies get bogged down in red tape and the

A 1960's era controller, wearing a dress shirt and a skull-clamping headset, works one of the earliest radar models... since upgraded many times over, to include alphanumerics, digitization, conflict detection, and all sorts of automation.

bureaucratic process. Meanwhile, passenger levels continue to grow, and soon our outdated system will be straining to handle a billion people every year.

The handling of a billion passengers per year is juxtaposed with a six-decades-old black-and-white photo of a twin prop airliner.

That's a staggering number, and unless we head a bold new direction, the system will become crippled with delays. American manufacturing jobs could move overseas and our country could lose its lead in aviation.

That's why we need the Aviation Innovation Reform and Reauthorization Act – the AIRR Act.

The dreary black-and-white sequence of doom-and-gloom segues into color, revealing the fantastical 'AIRR Act'.

It's legislation that truly reforms our aviation system. It gets bureaucracy and politics out of how we manage our aviation system, streamlines the certification of American-made aircraft and

products, and lets our businesses remain competitive. And it lets the government focus on safety – not on wasting billions of dollars struggling to modernize a system.

This transformational legislation charts a new course for the future that ensures we have the world's best, safest, and most advanced aviation system. For all those who depend on it – from general aviation pilots, to manufacturers, to airline passengers. A system that's more dependable, with fewer delays, that encourages innovation, and gets you where you're going more quickly and efficiently.

We can finally modernize this quintessential American transportation system, and continue to lead the world in aviation. It's critical to our economy and to our way of life.

This is Congressman Bill Shuster urging you to support the AIRR Act, to help provide a bright future for American aviation. For more information, visit our website, Transport dot house dot gov, or follow us on Twitter and Facebook @Transport.

Closing image - like a dream, AIRR Act descending upon us.