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The Funding for Aviation Screeners and Threat Elimination Restoration (FASTER) Act (H.R. 1171/S. 472)

What you need to know:

- In 2003, Congress passed a 9-11 security fee on every airline ticket sold to help pay for aviation security.
- Since 2013, Congress has diverted 1/3 of this fee to pay for spending that is unrelated to aviation security.
- The FASTER Act ends the diversion of the 9-11 security fee to the general fund and restores funding to TSA aviation security operations.
- TSA remains chronically understaffed while \$19 billion in security fee proceeds is diverted to unrelated government spending.
- The additional funding would be available for aviation security personnel and checkpoint and baggage screening technology.
- The legislation would give TSA access to aviation security revenue during a lapse in appropriations, giving TSA flexibility to pay TSOs in the event of a future shutdown.