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FAHY HEADS STAFF OF COMMISSION TO
ENSURE CONSUMER CHOICE IN AIR TRAVEL;
FIRST HEARING SET FOR JUNE 12th

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 24, 2002 – Richard J. Fahy, Jr., has been appointed executive director of the National Commission to Ensure Consumer Information and Choice in the Airline Industry. The appointment was made by David L. Winstead, chairman of the Commission.

The nine-person Commission was established by Congress to investigate the financial condition of travel agents, and determine whether there are impediments to the distribution of schedule and fare information to the traveling public.

A travel industry veteran, Fahy has worked for many years in both the airline and travel agency industries beginning as an attorney with Pan American World Airways in 1965. In 1972, he moved to American Airlines and retired as associate general counsel in 1991. While at American, he specialized in regulatory and antitrust issues and was heavily involved in the development of the SABRE computer reservation system.

From 1991 to 1999, Fahy practiced travel law in Washington, D.C., representing travel-related computer companies as well as airlines, hotels and travel agencies. From 1999 to 2001 he served as senior vice president and general counsel of Vacation.com, Inc., the nation's largest travel agency consortium.

Fahy is a graduate of Yale University and Yale Law School. He is past chairman of the Aviation Law Committee of the International Bar Association and past chairman of the Transportation Section of the Federal Bar Association.

Commission Hearings Begin June 12th

The first hearing of the Commission will take place June 12 at 10 am in the Hemisphere-A conference room at the Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

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