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H. R. 3072

To provide for increased access to airports in the United Kingdom by United States air carriers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 14, 1999

Mr. SHUSTER (for himself and Mr. OBERSTAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. ACCESS TO UNITED KINGDOM AIRPORTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—If the Governments of the United
5 Kingdom and the United States have not signed an agree-
6 ment, by the date that is 180 days after the date of enact-
7 ment of this Act, that—

1 (1) provides for approval of all applications for
2 air routes from the United States to the United
3 Kingdom that have been submitted to the Secretary
4 of Transportation by United States air carriers and
5 are pending on October 14, 1999; and

6 (2) provides slots at Heathrow International
7 Airport to United States air carriers that do not
8 have any slots at such airport on such date of enact-
9 ment, without affecting any slots held by other
10 United States air carriers at such airport on such
11 date of enactment,

12 the Secretary of Transportation shall immediately revoke
13 all slots and exemptions to the slot rule held by British
14 air carriers at O'Hare International Airport and John F.
15 Kennedy International Airport and, after the date of such
16 revocation, shall not grant any slot or exemption to the
17 slot rule to a British air carrier at either of such airports
18 until such an agreement is signed.

19 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-
20 nitions apply:

21 (1) BRITISH AIR CARRIER.—The term “British
22 air carrier” means a citizen of Great Britain under-
23 taking by any means, directly or indirectly, to pro-
24 vide foreign air transportation (as defined in section
25 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code).

1 (2) SLOT RULE.—The term “slot rule” means
2 the requirements contained in subparts K and S of
3 part 93 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

4 (3) UNITED STATES AIR CARRIER.—The term
5 “United States air carrier” has the meaning given
6 to the term “air carrier” by section 40102(a) of title
7 49, United States Code.

8 **SEC. 2. OPEN SKIES AGREEMENT.**

9 If the Governments of the United Kingdom and the
10 United States have not signed an open skies agreement,
11 as defined in Department of Transportation Order 92–8–
12 13, by December 31, 2000, the Secretary of State shall
13 immediately file a notice to terminate the Agreement Be-
14 tween the United States of America and the Government
15 of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ire-
16 land Concerning Air Services, in accordance with the pro-
17 visions of the Agreement.

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