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To amend title 49, United States Code, to preserve nonstop air service to and from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport for certain communities in case of airline bankruptcy.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 28, 2001

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mrs. CARNAHAN, and Mr. BOND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. BEYOND-PERIMETER SLOTS AT RONALD**
4 **REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT.**

5 Section 41718 of title 49, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(f) PRESERVATION OF DOT AWARDED AIR ROUTES
 2 TO AND FROM RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL
 3 AIRPORT IN CASES OF AIRLINE BANKRUPTCY.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a community has lost or
 5 will otherwise lose nonstop air service to and from
 6 Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport be-
 7 cause an air carrier that was awarded beyond-perim-
 8 eter slot exemptions by the Secretary under sub-
 9 section (a)—

10 “(A) has filed for bankruptcy;

11 “(B) had its assets acquired by another air
 12 carrier; and

13 “(C) has returned the slot exemption to
 14 the Secretary,

15 the acquiring air carrier may use no more than 2 of
 16 the slots that the carrier held at the time of acquir-
 17 ing the assets (if the slot is from a large hub air-
 18 port) at Ronald Reagan Washington National Air-
 19 port between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:59 p.m.
 20 to provide non-stop service to and from that commu-
 21 nity.

22 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
 23 apply if the Secretary awards the returned slot ex-
 24 emptions in a fashion that preserves the nonstop air

- 1 service to and from Ronald Reagan Washington Na-
- 2 tional Airport for the community.”.

