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# S. 1133

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## 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

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## 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.”

