109TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 3519

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2005

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Airport Emergency5 Reimbursement Act of 2005".

3 Section 47109 of title 49, United States Code, is4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 "(e) CREDIT FOR UTILIZATION OF AIRPORTS IN RE6 SPONSE TO DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES.—

7 "(1) IN GENERAL.—If an owner or operator of 8 an airport allows the Director of the Federal Emer-9 gency Management Agency or the head of a State or local agency to utilize the airport to respond to a 10 11 disaster or emergency declared under the Robert T. 12 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance 13 Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the owner or operator 14 shall receive a credit for such utilization that may 15 applied toward the non-Federal share of allowable 16 project costs for projects carried out at the airport 17 under this subchapter.

18 "(2) AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—The amount of a 19 credit provided under this subsection for utilization 20 of an airport shall be in an amount that equals the 21 revenues that the owner or operator demonstrates to 22 the satisfaction of the Secretary of Transportation 23 were lost, and the costs of operating the airport that 24 the owner or operator demonstrates to the satisfac-

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1 tion of the Secretary were incurred, by the owner or

2 operator during the period of such utilization.".