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S. 687

To prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 9, 2013

Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ROBERTS, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KIRK, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. NELSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To prohibit the closing of air traffic control towers, and
for other purposes.

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. PROHIBITION ON CLOSURE OF AIR TRAFFIC**
4 **CONTROL TOWERS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
6 sion of law, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Ad-
7 ministration may not, during fiscal year 2013 or 2014,
8 suspend or terminate the operation of any air traffic con-
9 trol tower in operation on March 1, 2013, without regard

1 to whether the tower is operated by the Federal Aviation
2 Administration or a contractor.

3 (b) RESUMPTION OF OPERATION OF CLOSED TOW-
4 ERS.—If the Administrator suspended or terminated the
5 operation of an air traffic control tower described in sub-
6 section (a) after March 1, 2013, and before the date of
7 the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall provide
8 for the resumption of the operation of that tower as soon
9 as practicable after such date of enactment.

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