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To prevent an increase in flight delays and cancellations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 2013

Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BEGICH, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COATS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. LEE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KIRK, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. COBURN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RUBIO, and Mr. HATCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Dependable Air Service
5 Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PREVENTION OF INCREASES IN FLIGHT DELAYS**
2 **AND CANCELLATIONS.**

3 (a) PREVENTION OF INCREASES REQUIRED.—The
4 Secretary of Transportation shall ensure that flight delays
5 and cancellations do not result from furloughs of employ-
6 ees of the Federal Aviation Administration implemented
7 as a result of any rescission or reduction in funding for
8 fiscal year 2013 provided for under—

9 (1) a sequestration order issued by the Presi-
10 dent pursuant to section 251A(7)(A) of the Bal-
11 anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
12 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901a(7)(A));

13 (2) section 3002 or 3004 of the Consolidated
14 and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013
15 (Public Law 113–6); or

16 (3) section 251 or 251A of the Balanced Budg-
17 et and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2
18 U.S.C. 901 and 901a).

19 (b) FUNDING.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
20 Secretary of Transportation may—

21 (1) use amounts available for the operations of
22 the Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal year
23 2013 as of the day before the date of the enactment
24 of this Act; or

25 (2) notwithstanding division G of the Consoli-
26 dated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act,

1 2013 (Public Law 113–6), or a sequestration order
2 issued by the President pursuant to section
3 251A(7)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency
4 Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C.
5 901a(7)(A))—

6 (A) increase the amount available for the
7 operations of the Federal Aviation Administra-
8 tion for fiscal year 2013 by an amount the Sec-
9 retary determines to be necessary to ensure
10 that flight delays and cancellations do not re-
11 sult from the furloughs described in subsection
12 (a); and

13 (B) reduce amounts made available for
14 other programs of the Department of Transpor-
15 tation for fiscal year 2013 by an amount equal
16 to the amount by which funding for the oper-
17 ations of the Federal Aviation Administration is
18 increased under subparagraph (A).

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