AMENDMENT TO
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Page 386, after line 19, insert the following:

SEC. ___. AVAILABILITY OF SLOTS AND SLOT EXEMPTIONS FOR AIR CARRIERS AT RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT.

(a) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that no additional slots should be added to Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.

(b) Limited Slot Conversions for Beyond Perimeter Operations at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.—

(1) Authorization of Additional Slot Exemptions.—Notwithstanding sections 49104(a)(5), 49109, and 41714 of title 49, United States Code, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall, by order, grant exemptions from the requirements of subparts K and S of part 93 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, to enable air carriers to operate limited frequencies and aircraft on routes between Ronald Reagan Washington National Air-
port and airports located beyond the perimeter restric-
tion.

(2) **BEYOND-PERIMETER OPERATIONS.**—The Secretary shall make available, upon request, not more than 2 exemptions made available under paragraph (1) to each air carrier that—

(A) sells flights in its own name;

(B) has daily scheduled service at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport as of the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(C) commits, in using such an exemption—

(i) to discontinue the use of a slot for service between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and a large hub airport within the perimeter restriction and to operate, in place of such service, service between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and a medium hub airport, small hub airport, or nonhub airport located—

(I) beyond the perimeter restriction that has no daily nonstop air service to Ronald Reagan Washington
National Airport as of the date of the
enactment of this Act; and

(II) within 25 miles of a military
medical center, an extremity injury
and amputee center of excellence, as
defined by the Duncan Hunter Na-
tional Defense Authorization Act for
Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–
417), or a traumatic brain injury or
burn treatment facility;

(ii) to operate an aircraft (other than
a multi-aisle or wide-body aircraft) with
equal or lesser passenger seating capacity
when compared to the aircraft used on
service discontinued under clause (i); and

(iii) to file a notice of intent with the
Secretary to inform the Secretary of any
change in circumstances concerning the
use of the exemption that specifies the air-
port to be served using the exemption, the
type of aircraft to be used, and the slot the
carrier is discontinuing under clause (i).

(3) AIR CARRIER DISCRETION.—Except with re-
spect to the requirements of paragraph (2), an air
carrier that receives an exemption under paragraph
(1) shall have sole discretion concerning the use of
the exemption, including the selection of the initial
airport and any subsequent airports to be served.

(4) **Return of within-perimeter slots.**—
An air carrier shall be entitled to the return by the
Secretary of a slot for flights within the perimeter
restriction if the use of an exemption made available
to the air carrier under paragraph (1) is discon-
tinued.

(5) **Prohibition against transfers.**—In ac-
cordance with section 41714(j) of title 49, United
States Code, an exemption granted under paragraph
(1) to an air carrier may not be bought, sold, leased,
or otherwise transferred by the air carrier.

(c) **Applicability.**—

(1) **In general.**—The provisions of subsection
(b) shall be suspended for not more than 1 year if
the Secretary makes a determination that changes to
air transportation at Ronald Reagan Washington
National Airport pursuant to this section are not in
the public interest.

(2) **Renewals.**—The Secretary may renew the
suspension of subsection (b) pursuant to paragraph
(1) for additional periods of not more than 1 year
if the Secretary updates the determination under
that paragraph before the end of the preceding 1 year period.

(3) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall notify the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives not later than 14 calendar days after making a determination under paragraph (1) and shall specify, in that notification, the reasons for the determination.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) NEW ENTRANT AIR CARRIER; LIMITED INCUMBENT AIR CARRIER; SLOT.—The terms “new entrant air carrier”, “limited incumbent air carrier”, and “slot” have the meanings given those terms in section 41714(h) of title 49, United States Code.

(2) LARGE HUB AIRPORT; MEDIUM HUB AIRPORT; SMALL HUB AIRPORT; NONHUB AIRPORT.—The terms “large hub airport”, “medium hub airport”, “small hub airport”, and “nonhub airport” have the meanings given those terms in section 40102(a) of title 49, United States Code.

(3) PERIMETER RESTRICTION.—The term “perimeter restriction” means the restriction under sec-
tion 49109 of title 49, United States Code, on the
operation of aircraft nonstop in air transportation
between Ronald Reagan Washington National Air-
port and another airport that is more than 1,250
statute miles away from Ronald Reagan Washington
National Airport.