

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE

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At the end of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SLOT EXEMPTIONS FOR RONALD REAGAN WASH-**
2 **INGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 41718 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new subsection:

6 “(i) ADDITIONAL SLOT EXEMPTIONS.—

7 “(1) GENERAL SLOT EXEMPTIONS.—Not later
8 than 90 days after the date of enactment of this
9 subsection, the Secretary shall grant, by order, 14
10 exemptions from—

11 “(A) the application of sections
12 49104(a)(5), 49109, and 41714 of this title;
13 and

14 “(B) the requirements of subparts K and
15 S of part 93, Code of Federal Regulations.

16 “(2) EXEMPTION CONDITIONS.—The Secretary
17 shall grant such exemptions to non-limited incum-
18 bent and limited incumbent air carriers serving Ron-
19 ald Reagan Washington National Airport as of the

1 date of enactment of this subsection to operate lim-
2 ited frequencies of aircraft on routes between Ronald
3 Reagan Washington National Airport and other air-
4 ports.

5 “(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In granting exemp-
6 tions under this subsection, the Secretary shall con-
7 sider the extent to which the exemptions will—

8 “(A) have a positive impact on the overall
9 level of competition in the markets that will be
10 served as a result of such exemptions;

11 “(B) produce competitive benefits, includ-
12 ing the likelihood that the service to airports
13 will result in lower fares or improved service op-
14 tions for aviation consumers;

15 “(C) not result in a significant increase in
16 delays at Ronald Reagan Washington National
17 Airport;

18 “(D) ensure that travel options between
19 Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport
20 and airports located within the perimeter de-
21 scribed in section 49104 will not be reduced;

22 “(E) benefit underserved markets; and

23 “(F) not reduce runway safety at Ronald
24 Reagan Washington National Airport.

1 “(4) SCHEDULING OF SLOT EXEMPTIONS.—In
2 granting exemptions under this subsection, the Sec-
3 retary shall, in coordination with the Administrator
4 of the Federal Aviation Administration and to the
5 greatest extent practicable, seek to work with air
6 carriers to schedule such exemptions—

7 “(A) at times during which operations are
8 typically lower than the peak hourly capacity of
9 Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport;
10 and

11 “(B) at times and in a manner that will
12 minimize the potential for additional delays.

13 “(5) RESTRICTION.—An exemption may not be
14 granted under this subsection with respect to any
15 aircraft—

16 “(A) that is not a Stage 4 aircraft (as de-
17 fined by the Secretary) if the exemption is for
18 an arrival or departure between the hours of
19 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.; or

20 “(B) that is not a Stage 5 aircraft (as de-
21 fined by the Secretary) if the exemption is for
22 an arrival or departure between the hours of—

23 “(i) 6:00 a.m. and 6:59 a.m.; or

24 “(ii) 10:01 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

25 “(6) AIR CARRIER LIMITATIONS.—

1 “(A) EXEMPTIONS PER AIR CARRIER.—Of
2 the exemptions described in paragraph (1), no
3 air carrier may operate more than 2 of such ex-
4 emptions.

5 “(B) LIMITATION ON AIRCRAFT SIZE.—An
6 air carrier may not operate a multi-aisle or
7 widebody aircraft under an exemption issued
8 under this subsection.

9 “(C) PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF
10 RIGHTS.—An air carrier granted an exemption
11 under this subsection is prohibited from trans-
12 ferring the rights to its slot exemptions pursu-
13 ant to section 41714(j).

14 “(7) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this sub-
15 section shall be construed to—

16 “(A) allow for conversion of existing slots
17 allocated to air carriers to serve communities
18 located inside the perimeter described in section
19 49109 to fulfill the exemptions granted in para-
20 graph (1); and

21 “(B) enable the reduction of nonstop travel
22 to communities located within the perimeter de-
23 scribed in section 49109.”.

1 (b) INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS.—Section 44501(b) of
2 title 49, United States Code, is further amended by adding
3 at the end the following:

4 “(6) a list of projects or programs necessary to
5 improve capacity, reliability, and efficiency for Level
6 2 schedule facilitated and Level 3 slot-controlled air-
7 ports.”.

