

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA

At the end of title IV, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 6___.** **AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN FLIGHTS BY**
2 **STAGE 2 AIRPLANES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 47534 of
4 title 49, United States Code, not late than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator
6 of the Federal Aviation Administration shall initiate a
7 pilot program to permit the operator of a Stage 2 airplane
8 to operate that airplane in revenue and nonrevenue service
9 into medium hub airports or nonhub airports if—

10 (1) the airport—

11 (A) is certified under part 139 of 14, Code
12 of Federal Regulations;

13 (B) has a runway that—

14 (i) is longer than 8,000 feet and not
15 less than 200 feet wide; and

16 (ii) is load bearing with a pavement
17 classification number of not less than 38;

18 (C) has a maintenance facility with a
19 maintenance certificate issued under part 145
20 of such title; and

1 (D) certifies annually to the Administrator
2 that the airport intends to continue partici-
3 pating in the pilot program;

4 (2) the operator of the Stage 2 airplane oper-
5 ates not more than 10 flights per month using that
6 airplane; and

7 (3) revenue flights will be limited to flights
8 transporting specific and necessary equipment to
9 maintain or improve the vital industry of small rural
10 communities.

11 (b) TERMINATION.—The regulations required by sub-
12 section (a) shall terminate on the earlier of—

13 (1) the date that is 10 years after the date of
14 the enactment of the Act; or

15 (2) the date on which the Administrator deter-
16 mines that no Stage 2 airplane remain in service.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) MEDIUM HUB AIRPORT; NONHUB AIRPORT.—
19 The terms “medium hub airport” and “nonhub air-
20 port” have the meanings given those terms in sec-
21 tion 40102 of the title 49, United States Code.

22 (2) STAGE 2 AIRPLANE.—The term “Stage 2
23 airplane” has the meaning given that term in section
24 91.851 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (as

1 in effect on the day before the date of the enactment
2 of this Act).

