

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MR. MITCHELL OF MICHIGAN

At the end of title V of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . ENHANCED AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall es-
4 tablish a pilot program to provide air traffic control serv-
5 ices on a preferential basis to aircraft equipped with cer-
6 tain NextGen avionics that—

7 (1) lasts at least 2 years; and

8 (2) operates in at 3 least suitable airports.

9 (b) **DURATION OF DAILY SERVICE.**—The air traffic
10 control services provided under the pilot program estab-
11 lished under subsection (a) shall occur for at least 3 con-
12 secutive hours between 0600 and 2200 local time during
13 each day of the pilot program.

14 (c) **AIRPORT SELECTION.**—The Administrator shall
15 designate airports for participation in the pilot program
16 after consultation with aircraft operators, manufacturers,
17 and airport sponsors.

18 (d) **DEFINITIONS.**—

19 (1) **CERTAIN NEXTGEN AVIONICS.**—The term
20 “certain NextGen avionics” means those avionics

1 and related software designated by the Adminis-
2 trator after consultations with aircraft operators and
3 manufacturers.

4 (2) PREFERENTIAL BASIS.—The term “pref-
5 erential basis” means—

6 (A) prioritizing aircraft equipped with cer-
7 tain NextGen avionics during a Ground Delay
8 Program by assigning them fewer minutes of
9 delay relative to other aircraft; and

10 (B) sequencing aircraft equipped with cer-
11 tain NextGen avionics ahead of other aircraft in
12 the Traffic Flow Management System to the
13 maximum extent consistent with safety.

14 (e) SUNSET.—The pilot program established under
15 subsection (a) shall terminate on September 30, 2023.

16 (f) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
17 on which the pilot program terminates, the Administrator
18 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
19 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
20 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
21 Senate a report on the results of the pilot program.

