

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MS. SINEMA OF ARIZONA

At the end of title V, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 543. REVIEW OF APPROVAL PROCESS FOR USE OF**
2 **LARGE AIR TANKERS AND VERY LARGE AIR**
3 **TANKERS FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTING.**

4 (a) REVIEW AND IMPROVEMENT OF CURRENT AP-
5 PROVAL PROCESS.—The Administrator of the Federal
6 Aviation Administration shall offer to work with the Chief
7 of the Forest Service to conduct a review of the process
8 used by the Forest Service to approve the use of large
9 air tankers and very large air tankers for wildland fire-
10 fighting for the purpose of—

11 (1) determining the current effectiveness, safe-
12 ty, and consistency of the approval process;

13 (2) developing recommendations for improving
14 the effectiveness, safety, and consistency of the ap-
15 proval process; and

16 (3) achieving standardization of next-generation
17 requirements for air tankers used for firefighting.

18 (b) PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—At the
19 request of the Chief of the Forest Service, the Adminis-
20 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall provide

1 technical assistance to the Forest Service to improve the
2 approval process for large air tankers and very large air
3 tankers for wildland firefighting.

4 (c) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 1
5 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
6 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall submit
7 to Congress a report describing—

8 (1) the actions taken and technical assistance
9 provided by the Administrator under the authority
10 of this section; and

11 (2) any changes made to the approval process
12 for large air tankers and very large air tankers for
13 wildland firefighting.

