AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MR. SOTO OF FLORIDA

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

SEC. _____. INCLUSION OF NASA SUPPORT AIRCRAFT AS PUBLIC AIRCRAFT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 40125 of title 49, United States code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) SPECIAL USE FOR COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), an aircraft owned and operated by NASA for the transport of oversized space launch components shall qualify as a public aircraft under section 40102 when being used to support a commercial space launch.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (41) of section 40102 of title 49, United States code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) An aircraft owned and operated by NASA for the transport of oversized space launch components when being used to support a commercial space launch.”.