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H. R. 1711

To amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure that functions relating to the air traffic control system are carried out directly by the United States Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2003

Mr. OBERSTAR (for himself, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. QUINN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Air Traffic Control
5 System Integrity Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON DELEGATION OF DUTIES AND POW-**
2 **ERS RELATED TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL**
3 **SYSTEM.**

4 Section 44502(a)(3) of title 49, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) by striking “(3) The Secretary” and insert-
7 ing the following:

8 “(3) DELEGATION OF POWERS AND DUTIES.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(B) LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary shall
12 not authorize the conversion of any of the fol-
13 lowing facilities or functions of the air traffic
14 control system, as defined in section 40102, to
15 a private entity or a public entity other than
16 the United States Government:

17 “(i) A facility controlled by the Fed-
18 eral Aviation Administration.

19 “(ii) Operations performed, on the
20 date of enactment of this subparagraph, by
21 Federal employees at a facility controlled
22 by the Federal Aviation Administration.

23 “(iii) Maintenance, engineering, or
24 oversight functions performed, on or after
25 the date of enactment of this subpara-

1 graph, at a facility controlled by the Fed-
2 eral Aviation Administration.

3 “(C) APPLICABILITY OF LIMITATIONS.—

4 “(i) CONTRACT TOWER PROGRAM.—
5 Subparagraphs (B)(i) and (B)(ii) shall not
6 apply to a Federal Aviation Administration
7 airport traffic control tower operated under
8 the contract tower program on the date of
9 enactment of this subparagraph.

10 “(ii) EXISTING MAINTENANCE AND
11 ENGINEERING AGREEMENTS.—Subpara-
12 graph (B)(iii) shall not apply to the re-
13 newal or replacement of a maintenance or
14 engineering agreement in effect on the
15 date of enactment of this subparagraph.”.

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