

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3410
OFFERED BY MR. NEHLS OF TEXAS

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Supersonic Aviation
3 Modernization Act”.

4 SEC. 2. ALLOWING FOR THE OPERATION OF CIVIL SUPER-
5 SONIC FLIGHT.

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
7 date of enactment of this section, the Administrator of the
8 Federal Aviation Administration shall issue or revise such
9 regulations, such as section 91.817 of part 14, Code of
10 Federal Regulations, as are necessary to allow for the op-
11 eration of civil aircraft (as defined in section 40102(16)
12 of title 49, United States Code) without special authoriza-
13 tion within the national airspace system at a Mach num-
14 ber greater than 1 so long as the aircraft is operated in
15 such a manner that no sonic boom reaches the ground in
16 the United States.

17 (b) COMPLIANCE WITH NOISE STANDARDS.—Not
18 later than April 1, 2027, the Administrator shall issue a

1 final rule establishing noise standards under part 36 of
2 title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, requiring civil air-
3 craft granted authority to operate pursuant to subsection
4 (a) not to exceed the most recent takeoff and landing noise
5 levels required for subsonic aircraft currently in operation
6 on the date of enactment.

7 (c) PERIODIC REVIEW.—In issuing the final rule
8 issued under subsection (b), the Administrator shall fur-
9 ther specify a process for periodic review and update of
10 the rule to reflect future advances in aircraft noise reduc-
11 tion technology.

