

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3935
OFFERED BY MR. STANTON OF ARIZONA**

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . FAA CONTRACT TOWER PILOT PROGRAM.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
3 date of enactment of this section, the Administrator of the
4 Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a pilot
5 program to convert up to 3 high-activity contract towers
6 under the Federal Aviation Administration Contract
7 Tower program to visual flight rule towers staffed by the
8 Administration.

9 (b) PRIORITY.—In selecting facilities to participate in
10 the pilot program under subsection (a), the Administrator
11 shall give priority to towers that:

12 (1) had over 200,000 in annual tower oper-
13 ations in calendar year 2022 or a small hub airport
14 with more than 900,000 passenger enplanements in
15 calendar year 2021;

16 (2) have controls towers that are either owned
17 by the Administration or are constructed to Admin-
18 istration standards; and

1 (3) operate within a complex air space, includ-
2 ing space used by air carriers, for general aviation,
3 and by military aircraft.

4 (c) CONTROLLER RETENTION.—The Administrator
5 shall appoint to the position of air traffic controller all
6 air traffic controllers employed as a Federal contract
7 tower operator and assigned to the air traffic control tower
8 pilot program as of the date of enactment of this Act so
9 long as such operator—

10 (1) meets the qualifications contained in section
11 44506(f)(1)(A) of title 49, United States Code; and

12 (2) has all other pre-employment qualifications
13 required by law.

