

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2997

OFFERED BY MR. LOWENTHAL OF CALIFORNIA

Page 43, after line 12, insert the following (and re-designate any subsequent sections accordingly):

1 **SEC. 158. REGULATIONS TO REDUCE HELICOPTER NOISE**
2 **POLLUTION IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL**
3 **AREAS.**

4 (a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Not later than 1 year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
6 trator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall issue
7 regulations for helicopter operations in Los Angeles Coun-
8 ty, California, that include requirements relating to the
9 flight paths and altitudes associated with such operations
10 to reduce helicopter noise pollution in residential areas,
11 increase safety, and minimize scheduled commercial air-
12 craft delays.

13 (b) EXEMPTIONS.—In issuing the regulations under
14 subsection (a), the Administrator shall exempt helicopter
15 operations related to emergency, law enforcement, or mili-
16 tary activities from the requirements described in that
17 subsection.

18 (c) CONSULTATIONS.—Before issuing regulations
19 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall make rea-

1 sonable efforts to consult with local communities and local
2 helicopter operators in order to develop regulations that
3 meet the needs of local communities, helicopter operators,
4 and the Federal Aviation Administration.

5 (d) SPANISH LANGUAGE FOR AUTOMATED COM-
6 PLAIN SYSTEM.—Not later than 6 months after the date
7 of enactment of this Act, the Federal Aviation Administra-
8 tion shall provide a Spanish language option for the Los
9 Angeles Helicopter Noise Initiative’s Automated Com-
10 plaint System.

