

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO COMMITTEE PRINT
OFFERED BY M__ . _____**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . RESTRICTION ON EXPERIMENTAL LAUNCHES**
2 **WITHOUT A REIMBURSEMENT PLAN FOR THE**
3 **FLYING PUBLIC.**

4 (a) RESTRICTION.—No funds made available by this
5 title may be used for the Administrator of the Federal
6 Aviation Administration to approve any launch licenses or
7 permits for experimental rockets, from an applicant that
8 has, on at least 2 occasions, failed to follow license require-
9 ments within the last 5 years, unless—

10 (1) the applicant includes in the application for
11 such approval a plan, in the event of a significant
12 unscheduled or unanticipated flight disruption to the
13 national airspace system as a result of the proposed
14 launch, to reimburse—

15 (A) passengers of any air carrier operating
16 under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal
17 Regulations, that are impacted by such a dis-
18 ruption, for any additional costs resulting from
19 such a disruption; and

1 (B) any air carriers operating under part
2 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations,
3 that are impacted by such a disruption, for any
4 additional operational costs resulting from such
5 a disruption;

6 (2) the applicant accepts as a condition of any
7 subsequent such approval, that the applicant will
8 execute the plan described in paragraph (1) in the
9 event of a significant unscheduled or unanticipated
10 disruption; and

11 (3) the Administrator determines that the plan
12 would be sufficient to provide reimbursement for
13 economic and compensatory damages equitable to re-
14 imbursements required of air carriers operating
15 under part 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regula-
16 tions.

17 (b) DEFINITION OF SIGNIFICANT UNSCHEDULED OR
18 UNANTICIPATED DISRUPTION.—In this section, the term
19 “significant unscheduled or unanticipated disruption”
20 means any unscheduled launch event in which the Admin-
21 istrator of the Federal Aviation Administration—

22 (1) creates at least one unscheduled debris re-
23 sponse area; and

- 1 (2) reroutes air carriers operating under part
- 2 121 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations.

