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S. 1516

To improve the Federal contract tower program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 10, 1997

Mr. FORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

To improve the Federal contract tower program.

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. FAA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PILOT PROGRAM**

4 **FOR SMALL AIRPORTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 418 of
6 title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
7 end thereof the following:

8 **“§ 41743. Air traffic control services pilot program**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—To further facilitate the use of,
10 and to improve the level of safety at, small airports, the
11 Secretary of Transportation shall establish a pilot pro-
12 gram to contract for Level I air traffic control services

1 at 20 facilities not eligible for participation in the Federal
2 Contract Tower Program.

3 “(b) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—In carrying out the
4 pilot program established under subsection (a), the Sec-
5 retary may—

6 “(1) utilize current, actual, site-specific data,
7 forecast estimates, or airport system plan data pro-
8 vided by a facility owner or operator;

9 “(2) take into consideration unique aviation
10 safety, weather, strategic national interest, disaster
11 relief, medical and other emergency management re-
12 lief services, status of regional airline service, and
13 related factors at the facility; and

14 “(3) approve for participation any facility will-
15 ing to fund a pro rata share of the operating costs
16 used by the Federal Aviation Administration to cal-
17 culate, and, as necessary, a 1:1 benefit-to-cost ratio,
18 as required for eligibility under the Federal Contract
19 Tower Program.

20 “(c) REPORT.—One year before the pilot program es-
21 tablished under subsection (a) terminates, the Secretary
22 shall report to the Congress on the effectiveness of the
23 program, with particular emphasis on the safety and eco-
24 nomic benefits provided to program participants and the
25 national air transportation system.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis
2 for chapter 418 of title 49, United States Code, is amend-
3 ed by adding at the end thereof the following:

“41743. Air traffic control services pilot program”.

