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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

October 31, 2001

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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. ENHANCED SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR AIR-4 CRAFT BAGGAGE.

5 Section 44901 of title 49, United States Code, is6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 "(d) ENHANCED SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR AIR8 CRAFT BAGGAGE.—

1 "(1) REMOVAL OF CHECKED BAGGAGE FROM 2 PASSENGER AIRCRAFT.—Effective on the day fol-3 lowing the date of enactment of this subsection, the 4 Secretary of Transportation shall require an air car-5 rier to remove from an aircraft for a flight in pas-6 senger air transportation or passenger intrastate air 7 transportation any baggage that is checked by a pas-8 senger on the flight who does not check-in with a 9 representative of the air carrier at the appropriate 10 airport gate and board the aircraft.

11 "(2) REPORT ON PROPERTY SCREENING PRO12 GRAM.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2002, the Secretary shall transmit to
Congress a report containing a program to provide for the screening of all property (including
checked baggage) on an aircraft providing passenger air transportation or passenger intrastate air transportation.

20 "(B) CONTENTS.—The report shall con21 tain the Secretary's recommendations for ad22 ministrative and legislative actions, including a
23 recommendation as to whether to continue im24 plementation of the requirements of paragraph

(1) after the implementation of the screening
 program described in subparagraph (A).".