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S. 338

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

A BILL

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that the air traffic control system remain a Government
function.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Safe and Secure Skies
5 Act".

6 **SEC. 2. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
8 sion of law, no funds may be obligated or expended to clas-
9 sify the air traffic control system as anything other than
10 inherently Governmental or to privatize or contract all, or

1 any part, of the air traffic control system which includes
2 all current terminal, enroute facilities, flight service, air
3 traffic control system command center, and operational
4 control centers operated by the Federal Aviation Adminis-
5 tration.

6 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM.—The term
8 “air traffic control system” has the meaning given
9 the term in section 40102(42) of title 49, United
10 States Code.

11 (2) TERMINAL.—The term “terminal” does not
12 include the airport traffic control towers operated
13 under the Federal Aviation Administration contract
14 tower program.

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