Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 2 Offered by Mr. Spano of Florida

At the end of subtitle F of title I of division B of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. _____. CRITICAL HABITAT ON OR NEAR AIRPORT 2 PROPERTY.

3 (a) FEDERAL AGENCY REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-4 retary of Transportation, to the maximum extent prac-5 ticable, shall work with the heads of appropriate Federal 6 agencies to ensure that designations of critical habitat, as 7 such term is defined in section 3 of the Endangered Spe-8 cies Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1532), on or near airport 9 property do not—

10 (1) result in conflicting statutory, regulatory, or
11 Federal grant assurance requirements for airports or
12 aircraft operators;

13 (2) interfere with the safe operation of aircraft;14 or

(3) occur on airport-owned lands that have become an attractive habitat for a threatened or endangered species because such lands—

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1 (A) have been prepared for future develop-2 ment;

3 (B) have been designated as noise buffer4 land; or

5 (C) are held by the airport to prevent en6 croachment of uses that are incompatible with
7 airport operations.

8 (b) STATE REQUIREMENTS.—In a State where a 9 State agency is authorized to designate land on or near 10 airport property for the conservation of a threatened or 11 endangered species in the State, the Secretary, to the 12 maximum extent practicable, shall work with the State in 13 the same manner as described under subsection (a).

14 (c) IMMEDIATE APPLICABILITY.—Section 1001 shall15 not apply to this section.

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