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H. R. 2872

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2007

Ms. WATERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “LAX Community Safe-
5 ty Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Los Angeles International Airport (in this
2 Act referred to as “LAX”) is located in an urban
3 environment and is surrounded on 3 sides by cities
4 and communities in Los Angeles County, California,
5 and is bounded on the fourth side by the Pacific
6 Ocean.

7 (2) LAX occupies approximately 3,400 acres, a
8 relatively small area compared to other airports with
9 comparable passenger volumes and aircraft oper-
10 ations.

11 (3) LAX has 2 pairs of parallel runways—

12 (A) Runways 24R and 24L, which are lo-
13 cated north of the main terminals and known
14 collectively as the North Runways; and

15 (B) Runways 25R and 25L, which are lo-
16 cated south of the main terminals and known
17 collectively as the South Runways.

18 (4) Los Angeles World Airports, which operates
19 LAX, has proposed relocating Runway 24R at least
20 340 feet north of its current location and argues
21 that doing so would reduce runway incursions and
22 improve safety.

23 (5) Historically, approximately 80 percent of
24 runway incursions at LAX have occurred on the
25 South Runways, while only 20 percent have occurred

1 on the North Runways. The rate of incursions on
2 the North Runways is comparable to or lower than
3 other busy commercial United States airports. Con-
4 sequently, relocating Runway 24R farther to the
5 north would not have a significant impact on runway
6 incursions.

7 (6) Runway status lights and surface movement
8 equipment have been shown to enhance the margin
9 of safety at airport runways, and installing such
10 lights and equipment on the North Runways would
11 improve safety more effectively and at less cost than
12 relocating Runway 24R farther to the north.

13 (7) Relocating Runway 24R farther to the
14 north would increase noise, air pollution, and other
15 environmental impacts on residents, schools, church-
16 es, and businesses in—

17 (A) the communities of Westchester and
18 Playa del Rey, which lie adjacent to the north
19 side of LAX; and

20 (B) the City of Inglewood and the commu-
21 nities of Vermont Knolls and South Los Ange-
22 les, which lie to the east of LAX underneath
23 the arrival flight path.

24 (8) Relocating Runway 24R farther to the
25 north would bring the risk of an aircraft accident

1 closer to homes, schools, churches, and businesses in
2 Westchester and Playa del Rey and, consequently,
3 reduce safety for people who live and work in these
4 communities.

5 (9) Relocating Runway 24R farther to the
6 north would necessitate resetting the runway protec-
7 tion zone for LAX, which could require the removal
8 of businesses and homes in Westchester.

9 (10) State and local officials who represent the
10 communities surrounding LAX have expressed oppo-
11 sition to relocating Runway 24R farther to the
12 north.

13 (11) Community members of Westchester and
14 Playa del Rey have expressed opposition to relo-
15 cating Runway 24R farther to the north.

16 (12) Relocating Runway 24R farther to the
17 north is not in the best interests of the communities
18 surrounding LAX.

19 **SEC. 3. LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.**

20 The Secretary of Transportation may not approve
21 under subtitle VII of title 49, United States Code, any
22 project for the relocation of Runway 24R, or for construc-
23 tion of a runway north of the location of Runway 24R

1 on the date of enactment of this Act, at Los Angeles Inter-
2 national Airport.

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