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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEKS of New York (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mr. SIRES, and Mr. KUHL of New York) 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. PROHIBITION ON FEDERALLY-IMPOSED AUC-**
4 **TIONS AND CONGESTION PRICING AT COM-**
5 **MERCIAL AIRPORTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
7 sion of law, the Secretary of Transportation and the Ad-

1 administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration may
2 not promulgate any regulation or take any action to regu-
3 late the scheduling of airline operations at any commercial
4 airport in the United States if such regulation or action
5 includes the Secretary or the Administrator—

6 (1) auctioning rights or permission to conduct
7 airline operations at such airport;

8 (2) implementing peak-period pricing or an-
9 other form of congestion pricing at such airport;

10 (3)(A) withdrawing the right or permission to
11 conduct operations at such airport (except for a
12 withdrawal for operational reasons or pursuant to
13 the terms or conditions of such right or permission);
14 or

15 (B) requiring a carrier to transfer any such
16 right or permission to another person;

17 (4) charging a fee for the right or permission
18 to use navigable airspace at such airport; or

19 (5) requiring, or providing incentives or dis-
20 incentives to, airport proprietors to take any of the
21 actions described in paragraphs (1) through (4).

22 (b) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this Act may
23 be construed to limit the ability of a State, a political sub-
24 division of a State, or a political authority of more than

- 1 1 State that owns or operates a commercial airport from
- 2 carrying out its proprietary powers and rights.

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