AMENDMENT NO._______ Calendar No._____

Purpose: To require a rulemaking on overland supersonic flight.


S. 1405

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on __________ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. Lee (for himself and Mr. Gardner)

Viz:

1 Strike section 5017 and insert the following:

2 SEC. 5017. RULEMAKING ON OVERLAND SUPersonic FLIGHT.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking that—

4 (1) permits the development, testing, manufacturing, and operation of civil supersonic aircraft in the United States;
(2) specifies a noise standard for sonic boom over the United States that—

(A) is economically reasonable and technologically practicable;

(B) is informed by noise levels that are tolerated in the United States for non-aviation purposes; and

(C) will foster employment in aircraft and aircraft engine manufacturing in the United States; and

(3) specifies a noise standard for landing and take-off of civil supersonic aircraft that is no more stringent than large subsonic aircraft in use for transporting passengers in the United States on January 1, 2017.

(b) Final Rule.—Not later than 18 months after the date of publication of the notice under subsection (a), the Secretary shall publish the final rule in the Federal Register.

c) Contingent Repeal of Rule.—If the Secretary has not published the final rule in under subsection (b) by the date that is 36 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, section 91.817 of title 14, Code of Federal Regulations, shall have no force or effect on or after that date.