

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 7298

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and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 13, 2018

Mr. BRAT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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National Airport, and for other purposes.

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 “Connect America’s  
5 Capital Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The bipartisan Airline Deregulation Act of  
9 1978, signed into law by President Jimmy Carter,  
10 and the subsequent explosive growth in American

1 commercial aviation has proven that it is counter-  
2 productive for Congress to interfere with market  
3 forces and restrict where airlines can and cannot fly.

4 (2) Advancements in technology, such as Stage  
5 4 and Stage 5 Aircraft, as well as the steady growth  
6 of enplanements and passenger traffic at Dulles  
7 International Airport, make arguments for the pe-  
8 rimeter rule less and less relevant.

9 (3) Residents of the District of Columbia,  
10 Maryland, and Virginia should have more options,  
11 not less, when choosing direct flights and where they  
12 can fly.

13 (4) American citizens wishing to visit Wash-  
14 ington, DC, deserve to be better connected to the  
15 nation's capital.

16 (5) Consumers and airlines, not Members of  
17 Congress, should determine airline routes.

18 **SEC. 3. RONALD REAGAN WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIR-**  
19 **PORT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 449 of title 49, United  
21 States Code, is amended by striking section 49109.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The chapter analysis  
23 for chapter 449 of title 49, United States Code, is amend-

1 ed by striking the item relating to section 49109 and in-

2 serting the following:

“49109. Repealed”.

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