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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require a study by the Government Accountability Office on the efficacy of strategies used by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Transportation to address flight delays at airports in the United States.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ, and *Mr. Lautenberg*

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1 On page 18, between lines 2 and 3, insert the fol-  
2 lowing:

3 SEC. 116. (a) GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OF-  
4 FICE STUDY ON FLIGHT DELAYS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General  
6 shall conduct a study on the efficacy of strategies  
7 employed by the Administrator of the Federal Avia-

1 tion Administration and the Secretary of Transpor-  
2 tation to address flight delays at airports in the  
3 United States.

4 (2) CONTENTS.—The study required by para-  
5 graph (1) shall include an assessment of—

6 (A) efforts by the Administrator of the  
7 Federal Aviation Administration to induce vol-  
8 untary schedule reductions by air carriers at  
9 Chicago O'Hare International Airport;

10 (B) the mandatory flight reduction oper-  
11 ations instituted by the Administrator of the  
12 Federal Aviation Administration at LaGuardia  
13 Airport and Ronald Reagan Washington Na-  
14 tional Airport;

15 (C) the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia  
16 Metropolitan Airspace Redesign; and

17 (D) any other significant efforts by the  
18 Administrator of the Federal Aviation Adminis-  
19 tration or the Secretary of Transportation to  
20 reduce flight delays at airports in the United  
21 States.

22 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date  
23 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall  
24 submit to Congress a report including—

1           (1) the results of the study required by sub-  
2           section (a); and

3           (2) recommendations regarding which of the  
4           strategies described in subsection (a) reduce airport  
5           delays most effectively when employed for periods of  
6           6 months or less.