



New Jersey Senator Introduces Bill to Phase Out Remaining Stage 2 Aircraft

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On December 7, 2006, Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) introduced a bill to phase out remaining Stage 2 aircraft. The bill had no effect after the 109th session of Congress adjourned on December 8; however, Senator Lautenberg signaled his intent to reintroduce the bill during the next session. The legislation would amend the Airport Noise and Capacity Act of 1990, which presently recognizes the right of airport proprietors to restrict Stage 2 aircraft but does not include a nationwide phase out. The Aircraft Noise Reduction Act of 2006 would require owners of all Stage 2 aircraft to replace or retrofit the aircraft to meet at least Stage 3 noise levels within three years from enactment unless operating at an airport where the airport proprietor has decided to continue to serve Stage 2 aircraft.