

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

**114-32**

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At the end of subtitle D of title I of division A, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TRAVEL**  
2 **AND TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

4 (1) 1 out of every 9 jobs in the United States  
5 depends on travel and tourism, and the industry  
6 supports 15,000,000 jobs in the United States;

7 (2) the travel and tourism industry employs in-  
8 dividuals in all 50 States, the District of Columbia,  
9 and all of the territories of the United States;

10 (3) international travel to the United States is  
11 the single largest export industry in the Nation, gen-  
12 erating a trade surplus balance of approximately  
13 \$74,000,000,000;

14 (4) travel and tourism provide significant eco-  
15 nomic benefits to the United States by generating  
16 nearly \$2,100,000,000,000 in annual economic out-  
17 put; and

1           (5) the United States intermodal transportation  
2           network facilitates the large-scale movement of busi-  
3           ness and leisure travelers, and is the most important  
4           asset of the travel industry.

5           (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after  
6           the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall es-  
7           tablish an advisory committee to be known as the National  
8           Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism Infrastruc-  
9           ture (in this section referred to as the “Committee”) to  
10          provide information, advice, and recommendations to the  
11          Secretary on matters relating to the role of intermodal  
12          transportation in facilitating mobility related to travel and  
13          tourism activities.

14          (c) MEMBERSHIP.—The Committee shall—

15                 (1) be composed of members appointed by the  
16                 Secretary for terms of not more than 3 years; and

17                 (2) include a representative cross-section of  
18                 public and private sector stakeholders involved in the  
19                 travel and tourism industry, including representa-  
20                 tives of—

21                         (A) the travel and tourism industry, prod-  
22                         uct and service providers, and travel and tour-  
23                         ism-related associations;

24                         (B) travel, tourism, and destination mar-  
25                         keting organizations;

1 (C) the travel and tourism-related work-  
2 force;

3 (D) State tourism offices;

4 (E) State departments of transportation;

5 (F) regional and metropolitan planning or-  
6 ganizations; and

7 (G) local governments.

8 (d) ROLE OF COMMITTEE.—The Committee shall—

9 (1) advise the Secretary on current and emerg-  
10 ing priorities, issues, projects, and funding needs re-  
11 lated to the use of the Nation's intermodal transpor-  
12 tation network to facilitate travel and tourism;

13 (2) serve as a forum for discussion for travel  
14 and tourism stakeholders on transportation issues  
15 affecting interstate and interregional mobility of pas-  
16 sengers;

17 (3) promote the sharing of information between  
18 the private and public sectors on transportation  
19 issues impacting travel and tourism;

20 (4) gather information, develop technical advise,  
21 and make recommendations to the Secretary on poli-  
22 cies that improve the condition and performance of  
23 an integrated national transportation system that is  
24 safe, economical, and efficient, and that maximizes

1 the benefits to the Nation generated through the  
2 United States travel and tourism industry;

3 (5) identify critical transportation facilities and  
4 corridors that facilitate and support the interstate  
5 and interregional transportation of passengers for  
6 tourism, commercial, and recreational activities;

7 (6) provide for development of measures of con-  
8 dition, safety, and performance for transportation  
9 related to travel and tourism;

10 (7) provide for development of transportation  
11 investment, data, and planning tools to assist Fed-  
12 eral, State, and local officials in making investment  
13 decisions relating to transportation projects that im-  
14 prove travel and tourism; and

15 (8) address other issues of transportation policy  
16 and programs impacting the movement of travelers  
17 for tourism and recreational purposes, including by  
18 making legislative recommendations.

19 (e) NATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM INFRASTRUC-  
20 TURE STRATEGIC PLAN.—

21 (1) INITIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL TRAV-  
22 EL AND TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIC  
23 PLAN.—Not later than 3 years after the date of en-  
24 actment of this act, the Secretary shall, in consulta-  
25 tion with the Committee, State departments of

1 transportation, and other appropriate public and pri-  
2 vate transportation stakeholders, develop and post  
3 on the Department's public Internet Web site a na-  
4 tional travel and tourism infrastructure strategic  
5 plan that includes—

6 (A) an assessment of the condition and  
7 performance of the national transportation net-  
8 work;

9 (B) an identification of the issues on the  
10 national transportation network that create sig-  
11 nificant congestion problems and barriers to  
12 long-haul passenger travel and tourism,

13 (C) forecasts of long-haul passenger travel  
14 and tourism volumes for the 20-year period be-  
15 ginning in the year during which the plan is  
16 issued;

17 (D) an identification of the major trans-  
18 portation facilities and corridors for current  
19 and forecasted long-haul travel and tourism vol-  
20 umes, the identification of which shall be re-  
21 vised, as appropriate, in subsequent plans;

22 (E) an assessment of statutory, regulatory,  
23 technological, institutional, financial, and other  
24 barriers to improved long-haul passenger travel

1 performance (including opportunities for over-  
2 coming the barriers);

3 (F) best practices for improving the per-  
4 formance of the national transportation net-  
5 work; and

6 (G) strategies to improve intermodal  
7 connectivity for long-haul passenger travel and  
8 tourism.

