

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4**  
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**RICO**

At the end of title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the  
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
4 of the United States shall begin a study of international  
5 air cargo services among the United States and Central  
6 American, South American, and Caribbean Basin coun-  
7 tries, that—

8 (1) analyzes the supply of and demand for air  
9 cargo transportation services among the United  
10 States and Central American, South American, and  
11 Caribbean Basin countries;

12 (2) analyzes the supply of and demand for air  
13 cargo transportation services between—

14 (A) the United States, Central American,  
15 South American, and Caribbean Basin coun-  
16 tries; and

17 (B) Africa and Europe;

18 (3) identifies the busiest routes in terms of  
19 cargo capacity and frequency of air service;

1           (4) identifies any air carrier or foreign air car-  
2           rier hubs in Central American, South American, and  
3           Caribbean Basin countries at which a significant  
4           amount of air cargo is sorted, handled, or consoli-  
5           dated for transportation to or from the United  
6           States;

7           (5) identifies any air carrier or foreign air car-  
8           rier hubs in the United States at which a significant  
9           amount of air cargo is sorted, handled, or consoli-  
10          dated for transportation to or from Central Amer-  
11          ican, South American, and Caribbean Basin coun-  
12          tries.

13          (6) identifies any significant gaps in the air  
14          cargo services or cargo air carrier networks—

15                (A) among the countries described in para-  
16                graph (2)(A);

17                (B) between such countries and Africa;  
18                and

19                (C) between such countries and Europe;  
20                and

21          (7) assesses the possible impact of the estab-  
22          lishment of an air carrier hub in Puerto Rico at  
23          which air cargo is sorted, handled, or consolidated  
24          for transportation to or from the United States, in-  
25          cluding the impact on—

1 (A) the employment rate and economy of  
2 Puerto Rico;

3 (B) domestic and foreign air transpor-  
4 tation of cargo;

5 (C) United States competitiveness in the  
6 air transportation of cargo;

7 (D) air cargo operations at other airports  
8 in the United States; and

9 (E) domestic air carrier employment.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the  
11 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
12 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-  
13 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-  
14 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the  
15 Senate a report on the results of the study described in  
16 subsection (a).

17 (c) DEFINITION.—The term “Caribbean Basin coun-  
18 tries” has the same meaning given the term “Caribbean  
19 Basin country” in section 501 of the Food for Peace Act  
20 (7 U.S.C. 1737).

