AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
OFFERED BY MISS GONZÁLEZ-COLON OF PUERTO RICO

At the end of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 111. STUDY.

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

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

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

(A) the United States, Central American, South American, and Caribbean Basin countries; and

(B) Africa and Europe;

(3) identifies the busiest routes in terms of cargo capacity and frequency of air service;
(4) identifies any air carrier or foreign air carrier hubs in Central American, South American, and Caribbean Basin countries at which a significant amount of air cargo is sorted, handled, or consolidated for transportation to or from the United States;

(5) identifies any air carrier or foreign air carrier hubs in the United States at which a significant amount of air cargo is sorted, handled, or consolidated for transportation to or from Central American, South American, and Caribbean Basin countries.

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

(A) among the countries described in paragraph (2)(A);

(B) between such countries and Africa;

and

(C) between such countries and Europe;

and

(7) assesses the possible impact of the establishment of an air carrier hub in Puerto Rico at which air cargo is sorted, handled, or consolidated for transportation to or from the United States, including the impact on—
(A) the employment rate and economy of Puerto Rico; 
(B) domestic and foreign air transportation of cargo; 
(C) United States competitiveness in the air transportation of cargo; 
(D) air cargo operations at other airports in the United States; and 
(E) domestic air carrier employment.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the results of the study described in subsection (a).

(c) DEFINITION.—The term “Caribbean Basin countries” has the same meaning given the term “Caribbean Basin country” in section 501 of the Food for Peace Act (7 U.S.C. 1737).