

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–

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OFFERED BY MRS. SYKES OF OHIO

Page 927, after line 16, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17____. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING AIRSHIPS;**
2 **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IMPROVE-**
3 **MENTS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL AERO-**
4 **NAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION.**

5 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
6 gress that—

7 (1) airships could contribute to sustainable and
8 clean air cargo transportation;

9 (2) airships may one day find much needed ap-
10 plications in supporting disaster response efforts or
11 delivering humanitarian aid to those in need and to
12 areas that may be inaccessible; and

13 (3) advances in airship design and technology
14 could enable and reintroduce the world to practical,
15 economical, and environmentally friendly airship
16 transportation.

17 (b) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—Section 40112
18 of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c)—

2 (A) by striking “The Administrator” and
3 inserting the following:

4 “(1) OBJECTIVE.—The Administrator”;

5 (B) in paragraph (1), as so designated, by
6 inserting “, airship,” after “rotorcraft”; and

7 (C) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(2) APPROACH.—The Administrator may es-
10 tablish a program of competitively awarded grants
11 available to teams of researchers that may include
12 the participation of individuals from universities, in-
13 dustry, and government for the conduct of this re-
14 search.”; and

15 (2) in subsection (e)—

16 (A) by striking “The Administrator” and
17 inserting the following:

18 “(1) OBJECTIVE.—The Administrator”;

19 (B) in paragraph (1), as so designated, in
20 the first sentence, by inserting “, airship,” after
21 “fixed wing vehicles”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new
23 paragraph:

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25 tablish a program of competitively awarded grants

1 available to teams of researchers that may include
2 the participation of individuals from universities, in-
3 dustry, and government for the conduct of this re-
4 search.”.

