

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle E of title III, insert the following:

1 SEC. 3___ . STUDY ON ACCESS BETWEEN MILITARY INSTAL-
2 LATIONS AND WASHINGTON, D.C. REGION.

3 (a) STUDY.—The Under Secretary of Defense for
4 Personnel and Readiness shall carry out a study on access
5 to and from the Washington, D.C., region through non-
6 stop flights between the Washington, D.C. region, and cit-
7 ies where there are major military communities, particu-
8 larly Joint Mobilization Force Generation Installations, in-
9 cluding nonstop access through the Ronald Reagan Wash-
10 ington National Airport, the Baltimore/Washington Inter-
11 national Thurgood Marshall Airport, and the Washington
12 Dulles International Airport.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall
15 submit to Congress a report on the results of the study
16 required under subsection (a). Such report shall include—

17 (1) a description of number of communities
18 with Joint Mobilization Force Generation Installa-

1 tion or other military installations located in or near
2 cities that, as of the date of the completion of the
3 study, are not connected to Washington, D.C., Vir-
4 ginia, or Maryland through nonstop flights;

5 (2) an assessment of the effects of such lack of
6 nonstop flights on the morale of members of the
7 Armed Forces and their families who live in such
8 communities and on their ability to freely travel
9 given limited leave policies, including the effects on
10 retention and recruitment;

11 (3) an assessment of any implications of such
12 lack of nonstop flights for readiness and connectivity
13 to defense assets and equities at such installations;

14 (4) an assessment on the burdens in cost and
15 time imposed on members of the Armed Forces and
16 their families when traveling to their station for
17 training or permanent change of station moves using
18 commercial airlines and airports when direct flights
19 to airports with closer proximity to their installation
20 are not conducted; and

21 (5) recommendations to make military installa-
22 tions more accessible by commercial air transport,
23 particularly when local airports may be closer to
24 such installations, including accessible to and from
25 the United States capital so that members of the

1 Armed Forces and their families may be able to sus-
2 tain trips to bolster their quality of life and to help
3 installations improve retention and retainment.

