

**AMENDMENT TO RULES**  
**COMMITTEE PRINT 117-8**  
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Page 1446, after line 21, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 9608. GAO STUDY ON COST ALLOCATION OF RAIL PAS-**  
2 **SENGER TRANSPORTATION LIABILITY.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
5 of the United States shall initiate a study of the apporportion-  
6 ment of liability among owners of right-of-way on the  
7 Northeast Corridor and passenger rail operators on the  
8 Northeast Corridor in accordance with section 24905 of  
9 title 49, United States Code, the Northeast Corridor Com-  
10 mission’s cost allocation policy, and the statutory prohibi-  
11 tion on cross-subsidization under such section.

12 (b) **RECOMMENDATIONS.**—Upon completion of the  
13 study under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall  
14 issue recommendations to the Northeast Corridor Com-  
15 mission, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-  
16 ture of the House of Representatives, and the Committee  
17 on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate  
18 on how to determine equitable liability allocation policy be-

1 tween owners of right-of-way on the Northeast Corridor  
2 and passenger rail operators on the Northeast Corridor.

3 (c) CONSIDERATIONS.—In issuing recommendations  
4 under subsection (b), the Comptroller General shall con-  
5 sider that any recommendations may be implemented dif-  
6 ferently amongst the various Northeast Corridor pas-  
7 senger rail entities based on differing ownership and oper-  
8 ational profiles.

9 (d) CONCLUSION.—If a mutually agreed upon resolu-  
10 tion between owners of right-of-way on the Northeast cor-  
11 ridor and passenger rail operators on the Northeast Cor-  
12 ridor is reached prior to the completion of the study under  
13 subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall conclude the  
14 study.

