

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–11
OFFERED BY MR. HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA

Add at the end of title VIII the following:

1 **SEC. 844. ASSESSMENT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF**
3 **COUNTER-UAS SYSTEM OPERATIONS.**

4 (a) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General
6 of the Department of Transportation shall assess all ac-
7 tions taken by the Federal Aviation Administration affect-
8 ing the ability of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to
9 conduct counter-UAS system operations at the southern
10 border of the United States from January 1, 2021, to such
11 date of enactment.

12 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—The assessment under sub-
13 section (a) shall consider the following impacts:

14 (1) Operational capabilities of U.S. Customs
15 and Border Protection in detecting and mitigating
16 unauthorized unmanned aircraft systems.

17 (2) Coordination efforts and information shar-
18 ing between the Federal Aviation Administration
19 and U.S. Customs and Border Protection regarding
20 counter-UAS system operations.

1 (3) Any other impacts or considerations the In-
2 specter General of the Department of Transpor-
3 tation determines relevant.

4 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the com-
5 pletion of the assessment under subsection (a), the Inspec-
6 tor General of the Department of Transportation shall
7 submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
8 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
9 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
10 Senate a report detailing the findings of such assessment.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) COUNTER-UAS SYSTEM.—The term
13 “counter-UAS system” has the meaning given such
14 term in section 44801 of title 49, United States
15 Code.

16 (2) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM.—The term
17 “unmanned aircraft system” has the meaning given
18 such term in section 44801 of title 49, United
19 States Code.

