

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Page 864, after line 25, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2608. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ELECTRIC VE-**
2 **HICLE TRANSITION STRATEGY.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The transition to a modern electric fleet
5 managed by the nation’s transit agencies represents
6 a key opportunity to modernize and green the public
7 transit fleets.

8 (2) The impending fleet transition presents dif-
9 ficult workforce challenges for the transit agencies
10 and their frontline workers as they prepare for the
11 differences in purchasing, maintaining, and man-
12 aging new electric buses and the related mainte-
13 nance systems.

14 (3) The maintenance of electric engines re-
15 quires fewer mechanics than does the maintenance
16 of diesel and natural gas engines, which make up
17 more than 99 percent of bus fleets in the United
18 States.

1 (4) Although approximately 400,000 people
2 work in public transportation, and of that figure, 90
3 percent work in the frontline occupations, because of
4 retirements and a massive transition in the transit
5 workforce, large changes are bound for workers,
6 transit agencies, and the communities that the tran-
7 sit workforce serves.

8 (5) Based on the Department of Transportation
9 and the Department of Labor data from 2014, tran-
10 sit systems needed to hire, train, and retain approxi-
11 mately 126 percent of their workforce over a 10-year
12 period.

13 (6) The Department of Transportation, the
14 Federal Railroad Administration, and sister Federal
15 agencies like the Department of Energy and the De-
16 partment of Labor can offer resources, strategy, and
17 a research and development plan to prepare and as-
18 sist in the upcoming transition to electric and clean
19 vehicle systems.

20 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
21 gress that the transit industry needs an integrated, coop-
22 erative, and forward-looking workforce development strat-
23 egy in order to help frontline workers and the transit
24 agencies prepare for and mitigate the workforce disruption

- 1 challenges posed by the transition to electric vehicles and
- 2 electric buses.

