

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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Strike section 683 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 683. AIRSPACE ACCESS FOR HIGH-SPEED AIRCRAFT.**

2 (a) HIGH-SPEED AIRCRAFT TESTING.—Not later
3 than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the
4 Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, in
5 coordination with any other Federal agency the Adminis-
6 trator determines appropriate, shall ensure that there is
7 a process in which manufacturers and operators of high-
8 speed aircraft can engage in flight testing of such high-
9 speed aircraft, which may include the establishment of
10 high speed testing corridors in the national airspace sys-
11 tem.

12 (b) STUDY ON HIGH-SPEED AIRCRAFT OPER-
13 ATIONS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years after
15 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
16 of the Federal Aviation Administration shall, in co-
17 ordination with the Administrator of the National
18 Aeronautics and Space Administration and Sec-
19 retary of Defense and any other agencies the Admin-

1 istrator determines appropriate, initiate a study to
2 the potential for high-speed commercial transpor-
3 tation operations.

4 (2) CONTENTS.—In carrying out the study
5 under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall assess
6 various altitudes and operating conditions of high-
7 speed aircraft in Class E airspace above the upper
8 boundary of Class A airspace and the resulting air-
9 craft noise levels at the surface.

10 (3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—As part of the study
11 under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall issue
12 recommendations to update, if feasible, regulations
13 regarding high-speed aircraft operations without in-
14 creasing noise levels at the surface.

15 (c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “high-
16 speed aircraft” means an aircraft operating at speeds in
17 excess of Mach 1, which may include supersonic and
18 hypersonic aircraft.

