

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4
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Page 267, after line 10, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . STUDY ON U.S. AIRLINE CONSOLIDATION.**

2 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
3 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall initiate a study of the effects of United
5 States airline consolidation on consumers, airline safety,
6 including workforce-related issues, and airline operations.

7 (b) CONTENTS.—The study required under sub-
8 section (a) shall address—

9 (1) the financial health of the United States
10 airline industry since 2014, including profitability;

11 (2) trends in airline fees, ticketing, cancella-
12 tions, change and bag fees, and other ancillary fees,
13 and other changes to terms of service;

14 (3) changes to airline safety and security meas-
15 ures implemented by airlines;

16 (4) implementation of NextGen technology;

17 (5) effects on passenger traffic and capacity re-
18 straints;

19 (6) the ability for new airlines to emerge and
20 effectively compete in heavily traveled markets;

1 (7) the effects of consolidation at the route, air-
2 port, airline, industry, and shareholder level on
3 terms of service, ancillary fees, network coverage,
4 and profitability; and

5 (8) for each of the determinations above, such
6 review shall include the effects of consolidation at
7 the route, airport, airline, industry, and shareholder
8 level.

9 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
10 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
11 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
12 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
13 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
14 Senate a report on the results of the study.

