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

SEC. 1111. STUDY ON U.S. AIRLINE CONSOLIDATION.

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

(b) CONTENTS.—The study required under subsection (a) shall address—

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

(2) trends in airline fees, ticketing, cancellations, change and bag fees, and other ancillary fees, and other changes to terms of service;

(3) changes to airline safety and security measures implemented by airlines;

(4) implementation of NextGen technology;

(5) effects on passenger traffic and capacity restraints;

(6) the ability for new airlines to emerge and effectively compete in heavily traveled markets;
(7) the effects of consolidation at the route, airport, airline, industry, and shareholder level on terms of service, ancillary fees, network coverage, and profitability; and

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

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report on the results of the study.