

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle C of title IV, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . GAO STUDY ON HELICOPTER NOISE IN NEW**
2 **YORK CITY, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall conduct a study on helicopter noise
5 in the New York City metropolitan area and Northern
6 New Jersey.

7 (b) **CONTENTS.**—In conducting the study under sub-
8 section (a), the Comptroller General shall analyze the fol-
9 lowing:

10 (1) The types of helicopters that generate the
11 most noise and the make of the helicopters flying
12 over the New York City metropolitan area and
13 Northern New Jersey.

14 (2) Helicopter flight paths within the New York
15 City metropolitan area and Northern New Jersey as
16 of the date of enactment of this Act, including an
17 analysis of which neighborhoods are most impacted
18 by helicopter noise.

1 (3) The frequency of flights over neighborhoods,
2 including information on each agency operating heli-
3 copters, the times of flight and flight altitude.

4 (4) The number of flights that occur during the
5 day and at night.

6 (5) The altitude at which helicopters fly within
7 the New York City metropolitan area and Northern
8 New Jersey as of the date of enactment of this Act
9 compared to the altitude at which helicopters oper-
10 ated within the New York City metropolitan area
11 and Northern New Jersey prior to the date of enact-
12 ment of this Act.

13 (6) Potential causes of the increase in the se-
14 verity and frequency of helicopter noise in the New
15 York City metropolitan area and Northern New Jer-
16 sey.

17 (7) Viable options for noise mitigation, poten-
18 tially including modifications to current training
19 practices that would reduce the number of training
20 hours that must be completed in the New York City
21 metropolitan area and Northern New Jersey and
22 modifications to night training times so that pilots
23 do not fly when most residents are sleeping.

