

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–11**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . FAA RESPONSIVENESS TO CONGRESS.**

2 (a) PURPOSE.—This section is enacted pursuant to  
3 the legislative oversight responsibilities of Congress and  
4 to enable a Member of Congress to effectively represent  
5 their constituents and respond to constituent inquiries.

6 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—If a Member of Congress sub-  
7 mits to the FAA a written request for information on pro-  
8 posed, previous, or current flight procedures or other data  
9 or information relating to the District of such Member,  
10 the following conditions apply:

11 (1) DATA REQUEST.—Not later than 90 days  
12 after receipt of such request, the Administrator of  
13 the FAA shall substantively respond in writing with  
14 the requested data or information in the format re-  
15 quested by the Member of Congress, if—

16 (A) the data is within the control of the  
17 FAA; and

18 (B) the data would be otherwise appro-  
19 priate to provide if requested—

1 (i) by an airline, an airport, a flight  
2 procedure proponent, an Aviation Round-  
3 table, or anyone not employed by the FAA;  
4 or

5 (ii) via a Freedom of Information re-  
6 quest from any individual or any entity.

7 (2) NOTIFICATION.—If the Administrator does  
8 not provide the requested information pursuant to  
9 paragraph (1), the Administrator shall notify the re-  
10 questing Member of Congress, Congress, and the  
11 Chairman and Ranking Member of the Transpor-  
12 tation and Infrastructure Committee of the House of  
13 Representatives.

14 (c) STAFFING OF MEETINGS.—If a Member of Con-  
15 gress submits to the FAA a written request for the FAA  
16 to provide staff at a private or public meeting with the  
17 Member, the Administrator shall provide such staff if—

18 (1) the request is made in writing at least 30  
19 days before the meeting date; and

20 (2) the request is made on the same terms and  
21 conditions as specified by FAA appearances at Avia-  
22 tion Roundtable meetings.

23 (d) NOTIFICATION.—If the Administrator does not  
24 comply with a request made by a Member of Congress (as  
25 described in subsection (c)), the Administrator shall pro-

1 vide the requesting Member of Congress, Congress, and  
2 the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Transportation  
3 and Infrastructure Committee of the House of Represent-  
4 atives with an explanation why the request will not be ful-  
5 filled.

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-  
7 nitions apply:

8 (1) FLIGHT PROCEDURE.—The term “flight  
9 procedure” means a preplanned Instrument Flight  
10 Rules (IFR) procedure published for pilot use, in  
11 graphic or textual format, that provides obstruction  
12 clearance from the terminal area to the en route  
13 structure (departure) or from the en route structure  
14 to the terminal area (arrival).

15 (2) PROCEDURE PROPONENT.—The term “pro-  
16 cedure proponent” means a person or entity pro-  
17 posing a new or modified flight procedure.

18 (3) AVIATION ROUNDTABLE.—The term “Avia-  
19 tion Roundtable” means an organization designed to  
20 address community concerns over a sustained period  
21 of time regarding aircraft operations often associ-  
22 ated with a nearby airport.

