AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–10

OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

SEC. 18                              FLY AMERICA ACT EXCEPTION REGARDING CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION OF DOMESTICATED ANIMALS.

Section 40118 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION OF DOMESTICATED ANIMALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (c), an appropriation to any department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government may be used to pay for the transportation of Federal personnel, dependent of the Federal personnel, and in-cabin or accompanying checked baggage or cargo, by a foreign air carrier when—

“(A) the transportation is from a place—

“(i) outside the United States to a place in the United States;
“(ii) in the United States to a place outside the United States; or

“(iii) between two places outside the United States; and

“(B) no air carrier holding a certificate under section 41102 is willing and able to transport up to three domesticated animals accompanying such Federal personnel or dependent.

“(2) LIMITATION.—An amount paid pursuant to paragraph (1) for transportation by a foreign air carrier may not be greater than the amount that would otherwise have been paid had the transportation been on an air carrier holding a certificate under section 41102 had that carrier been willing and able to provide such transportation. If the amount that would otherwise have been paid to such an air carrier is less than the cost of transportation on the applicable foreign air carrier, the Federal personnel shall pay the difference of such amount.

“(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection:

“(A) DOMESTICATED ANIMAL.—The term ‘domesticated animal’ means a dog or a cat, or any other animal the Secretary deems appropriate for reimbursement under this section.
“(B) Federal personnel.—The term ‘Federal personnel’ means any officer or employee of the United States Government, including any member of the uniformed services (as that term is defined in section 2101 of title 5), the Foreign Service, and any Peace Corp volunteer.

“(C) Peace corps volunteer.—The term ‘Peace Corps volunteer’ means an individual described in section 5(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2504(a)).”