

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA**

At the end of title XVII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_ . FLY AMERICA ACT EXCEPTION REGARDING**  
2 **CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION OF DOMES-**  
3 **TICATED ANIMALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 40118 of title 49, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

7 “(h) CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION OF DOMESTICATED  
8 ANIMALS.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-  
10 sections (a) and (c), an appropriation to any depart-  
11 ment, agency, or instrumentality of the United  
12 States Government may be used to pay for the  
13 transportation of Federal personnel, dependent of  
14 the Federal personnel, and in-cabin or accompanying  
15 checked baggage or cargo, by a foreign air carrier  
16 when—

17 “(A) the transportation is from a place—

1 “(i) outside the United States to a  
2 place in the United States;

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

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

7 “(B) no air carrier holding a certificate  
8 under section 41102 is willing and able to  
9 transport up to three domesticated animals ac-  
10 companying such Federal personnel or depend-  
11 ent.

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

23 “(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection:

24 “(A) DOMESTICATED ANIMAL.—The term  
25 ‘domesticated animal’ means a dog or a cat, or

1           any other animal the Secretary deems appro-  
2           priate for reimbursement under this section.

3           “(B) FEDERAL PERSONNEL.—The term  
4           ‘Federal personnel’ means any officer or em-  
5           ployee of the United States Government, includ-  
6           ing any member of the uniformed services (as  
7           that term is defined in section 2101 of title 5),  
8           the Foreign Service, and any Peace Corp volun-  
9           teer.

10          “(C) PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER.—The  
11          term ‘Peace Corps volunteer’ means an indi-  
12          vidual described in section 5(a) of the Peace  
13          Corps Act (22 U.S.C. 2504(a)).”.

14          (b) REPEAL.—Section 6224 of the National Defense  
15          Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–  
16          31) is repealed.

