AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–54

OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the end of title LIII, add the following:

SEC. ___. FLY AMERICA ACT EXCEPTION.

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

“(h) CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION OF DOMESTIC 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 a Peace Corps volunteer or an officer, employee, or member of the uniformed services of any such department, agency, or instrumentality, a dependent of the Peace Corps volunteer, officer, employee, or member, and in-cabin or accompanying checked baggage, 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) outside the United States to another place outside the United States; and

“(B) no air carrier holding a certificate under section 41102 is willing and able to transport up to three domestic animals accompanying such Peace Corps volunteer, officer, employee, member, or dependent.

“(2) LIMITATION.—An amount paid pursuant to paragraph (1) for transportation by a foreign 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 carrier, the Peace Corps volunteer, officer, employee, member may pay the difference of such amount.

“(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection:

“(A) DOMESTIC ANIMAL.—The term ‘domestic animal’ means a dog or a cat.
“(B) 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)).”.