

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-**

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Page 1691, after line 20, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 40002. GAO STUDY.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
3 gress that—

4 (1) mass transit and civilian airlines have an  
5 essential role in keeping the United States moving;

6 (2) while the COVID-19 pandemic has dev-  
7 astated the industry, transit agencies and companies  
8 are leading the way in implementing safety measures  
9 and exploring new technologies to protect essential  
10 workers who continue to rely on our bus and rail  
11 systems;

12 (3) Congress can support the transportation  
13 sector by authorizing a GAO study that would rec-  
14 ommend specific safety measures to reduce exposure  
15 to the SARS-CoV-2 virus on mass transportation  
16 systems, as well as technologies that can assist with  
17 the implementation of such safety measures, includ-  
18 ing technologies that facilitate large-scale sanitation

1 and decontamination and encourage social  
2 distancing; and

3 (4) implementation of such safety measures and  
4 technologies will help the transportation sector be  
5 more resilient in the face of future pandemics.

6 (b) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United  
7 States shall carry out a study to—

8 (1) research and recommend specific measures  
9 that civilian transit companies and agencies (includ-  
10 ing rail, airlines, and buses) should implement to im-  
11 prove the safety of passengers and crew;

12 (2) research and recommend technologies being  
13 developed within and outside the United States Gov-  
14 ernment, including the Department of Defense and  
15 National Aeronautics and Space Administration,  
16 that can be transitioned to the civilian transpor-  
17 tation sector; and

18 (3) study technologies that—

19 (A) provide an alternative to decontamina-  
20 tion with chemical solutions which is labor in-  
21 tensive, and has material compatibility and cor-  
22 rosion concerns;

23 (B) decontaminate crevices and hard to  
24 reach areas that can be missed with other tech-  
25 nologies;

1           (C) minimize personnel exposure to the  
2           contaminated aircraft to personnel required for  
3           set-up; and

4           (D) allow timely decontamination (under 3  
5           hours) to return the bus, train, or aircraft to  
6           operational status.

7           (c) REPORT.—Not later than 3 months after the date  
8           of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall  
9           submit to Congress a report containing the results of the  
10          study required under subsection (b).

