

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 658  
OFFERED BY MS. WATERS OF CALIFORNIA**

Page 238, strike line 5 and all that follows before line 7 on page 247 and insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

**1 SEC. 804. CONSOLIDATION AND REALIGNMENT OF FAA FA-**  
**2 CILITIES.**

**3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP.**—Not  
**4** later than 9 months after the date of enactment of this  
**5** Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall establish within  
**6** the Federal Aviation Administration (in this section re-  
**7** ferred to as the “FAA”) a working group to develop cri-  
**8** teria and make recommendations for the realignment of  
**9** services and facilities (including regional offices) of the  
**10** FAA to assist in the transition to next generation facilities  
**11** and to help reduce capital, operating, maintenance, and  
**12** administrative costs in instances in which cost reductions  
**13** can be implemented without adversely affecting safety.

**14 (b) MEMBERSHIP.**—The working group shall be com-  
**15** posed of—

**16 (1)** the Administrator of the FAA;

**17 (2)** 2 representatives of air carriers;

1           (3) 2 representatives of the general aviation  
2 community;

3           (4) 2 representatives of labor unions rep-  
4 resenting employees who work at regional or field fa-  
5 cilities of the FAA; and

6           (5) 2 representatives of the airport community.

7       (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS CONTAINING REC-  
8 OMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP.—

9           (1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 6 months  
10 after convening the working group, the Adminis-  
11 trator shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-  
12 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-  
13 atives and the Committee on Commerce, Science,  
14 and Transportation of the Senate a report con-  
15 taining the criteria and recommendations developed  
16 by the working group under this section.

17           (2) CONTENTS.—The report shall include a jus-  
18 tification for each recommendation to consolidate or  
19 realign a service or facility (including a regional of-  
20 fice) and a description of the costs and savings asso-  
21 ciated with the consolidation or realignment.

22       (d) PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT.—The Adminis-  
23 trator shall publish the report submitted under subsection  
24 (c) in the Federal Register and allow 45 days for the sub-  
25 mission of public comments. In addition, the Adminis-

1 trator upon request shall hold a public hearing in a com-  
2 munity that would be affected by a recommendation in the  
3 report.

4 (e) OBJECTIONS.—Any interested person may file  
5 with the Administrator a written objection to a rec-  
6 ommendation of the working group.

7 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS CONTAINING REC-  
8 OMMENDATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR.—Not later  
9 than 60 days after the last day of the period for public  
10 comment under subsection (d), the Administrator shall  
11 submit to the committees referred to in subsection (e)(1)  
12 a report containing the recommendations of the Adminis-  
13 trator on realignment of services and facilities (including  
14 regional offices) of the FAA and copies of any public com-  
15 ments and objections received by the Administrator under  
16 this section.

17 (g) LIMITATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REALIGN-  
18 MENTS AND CONSOLIDATIONS.—The Administrator may  
19 not realign or consolidate any services or facilities (includ-  
20 ing regional offices) of the FAA before the Administrator  
21 has submitted the report under subsection (f).

22 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following defi-  
23 nitions apply:

24 (1) FAA.—The term “FAA” means the Fed-  
25 eral Aviation Administration.

1 (2) REALIGNMENT; CONSOLIDATION.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—The terms “realign-  
3 ment” and “consolidation” include any action  
4 that—

5 (i) relocates functions, services, or  
6 personnel positions;

7 (ii) severs existing facility functions or  
8 services; or

9 (iii) any combination thereof.

10 (B) EXCLUSION.—The term does not in-  
11 clude a reduction in personnel resulting from  
12 workload adjustments.

