AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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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 FACILITIES.

2 (a) Establishment of Working Group.—Not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall establish within the Federal Aviation Administration (in this section referred to as the “FAA”) a working group to develop criteria and make recommendations for the realignment of services and facilities (including regional offices) of the FAA to assist in the transition to next generation facilities and to help reduce capital, operating, maintenance, and administrative costs in instances in which cost reductions can be implemented without adversely affecting safety.

3 (b) Membership.—The working group shall be composed of—

4 (1) the Administrator of the FAA;

5 (2) 2 representatives of air carriers;
(3) 2 representatives of the general aviation community;

(4) 2 representatives of labor unions representing employees who work at regional or field facilities of the FAA; and

(5) 2 representatives of the airport community.

(c) Report to Congress Containing Recommendations of the Working Group.—

(1) Submission.—Not later than 6 months after convening the working group, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report containing the criteria and recommendations developed by the working group under this section.

(2) Contents.—The report shall include a justification for each recommendation to consolidate or realign a service or facility (including a regional office) and a description of the costs and savings associated with the consolidation or realignment.

(d) Public Notice and Comment.—The Administrator shall publish the report submitted under subsection (c) in the Federal Register and allow 45 days for the submission of public comments. In addition, the Adminis-
trator upon request shall hold a public hearing in a com-
munity that would be affected by a recommendation in the
report.

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

(f) REPORT TO CONGRESS CONTAINING REC-
ommendations of the Administrator.—Not later
than 60 days after the last day of the period for public
comment under subsection (d), the Administrator shall
submit to the committees referred to in subsection (c)(1)
a report containing the recommendations of the Adminis-
trator on realignment of services and facilities (including
regional offices) of the FAA and copies of any public com-
ments and objections received by the Administrator under
this section.

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

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

(1) FAA.—The term “FAA” means the Fed-
eral Aviation Administration.
(2) REALIGNMENT; CONSOLIDATION.—

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

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

(ii) severs existing facility functions or
services; or

(iii) any combination thereof.

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