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OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA

Page 45, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. 148. BUSINESS CASE ANALYSIS ON ESTABLISHMENT
OF ACTIVE DUTY ASSOCIATION AND ADDITIONAL PRIMARY AIRCRAFT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR THE 168TH AIR REFUELLING WING.

(a) Business Case Analysis.—The Secretary of the Air Force shall conduct a business case analysis on the establishment of an active or classic association with the 168th Air Refueling Wing.

(b) Elements.—The business case analysis conducted under subsection (a) shall address the following:

(1) Consideration of the addition of two F–35A squadrons at Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, in 2020, and an examination of future shortfalls in air refueling requirements due to such additional aircraft.

(2) An analysis of potential benefits of adding four primary aircraft authorizations (PAA) for KC–135R tanker aircraft to the 168th Air Refueling Wing.
(3) Identification of efficiencies and cost savings to be achieved by the 168th Air Refueling Wing after an active or classic association is in place in comparison with temporarily assigned tanker augmentation rotations.

(4) A detailed comparison of the costs and benefits of an active association for the 168th Air Refueling Wing with a classic association for the Wing.

(5) An analysis of the effects of the augmented airlift capability arising from additional tanker assets for the 168th Air Refueling Wing in better facilitating rapid deployment of 5th Generation Fighters, necessary support equipment and personnel, and other rapid response forces.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the business case analysis conducted under subsection (a).