

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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Page 1032, after line 19, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 9221. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Amtrak received \$1,018,000,000 in aid
4 from Congress as part of the CARES Act, to help
5 Amtrak and its state partners respond to the drastic
6 drop in demand caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

7 (2) The CARES Act also included a provision
8 requiring that, for any employee who is furloughed
9 as a result of the pandemic, Amtrak provide such
10 employee the opportunity to return to the job as
11 service ramps back up, thereby helping prevent the
12 health crisis from being a reason to outsource work.

13 (3) Amtrak has requested additional funds to
14 help it respond to the continued loss of passenger
15 demand while also announcing plans to permanently
16 cut 20 percent of its workforce, which could hinder
17 its ability to serve the Amtrak national passenger
18 rail system, including its long-distance routes, now
19 and in the future.

1 (4) Additionally, Amtrak recently announced its
2 intention to eliminate daily service on most of its
3 long-distance routes, leaving only one long-distance
4 route to operate daily. These reductions are set to
5 begin October 1, 2020.

6 (5) Estimates indicate the plan to decrease
7 service would drastically impact as many as 461 sta-
8 tions.

9 (6) If the service disruptions are implemented,
10 the passengers served by these long-distance trains
11 would be disconnected from a critical transportation
12 option, and these communities would lose important
13 economic contributions generated by this service .
14 These cuts would also impact the lives of Amtrak
15 employees whose work contributes to the operation
16 of these trains.

17 (7) Amtrak has not provided Congress, the pub-
18 lic at large, or its workforce, sufficient notice or ex-
19 planation of its plan to restore service to commu-
20 nities served by long-distance routes.

21 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress is concerned by
22 the recent announcements from Amtrak that it intends to
23 reduce its workforce and its daily long-distance train serv-

- 1 ice and calls on Amtrak to provide assurance about the
- 2 future of the passenger rail network and its employees.

