

**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.

