Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 3328, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

115TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 3328

To require a study regarding security measures and equipment at Cuba's airports, require the standardization of Federal Air Marshal Service agreements, require efforts to raise international aviation security standards, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

July 20, 2017

Mr. KATKO (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, and Mr. SIRES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

- To require a study regarding security measures and equipment at Cuba's airports, require the standardization of Federal Air Marshal Service agreements, require efforts to raise international aviation security standards, and for other purposes.
 - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
 - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

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1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the "Cuban Airport Secu-3 rity Act of 2017".

4 SEC. 2. FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Trans-6 portation Security Administration shall brief the Com-7 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-8 tives, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-9 portation of the Senate, and the Comptroller General of 10 the United States on the following aspects of security 11 measures at each of Cuba's ten international airports:

(1) Details about the type of equipment used at
screening checkpoints and an analysis of such equipment's capabilities and weaknesses.

15 (2) Information about each such airport's ca-16 nine program, if used.

17 (3) The frequency of training for screening and18 security personnel.

(4) Access controls in place to ensure only
credentialed personnel have access to the secure and
sterile areas of such airports.

(5) An assessment of the ability of known or
suspected terrorists to use Cuba as a gateway to entering the United States.

25 (6) Security of such airports' perimeters.

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1 (7) A mitigation assessment regarding Man 2 Portable Air Defense Systems. 3 (8) The vetting practices and procedures for 4 airport employees. 5 (9) Any other information determined relevant 6 to the security practices, procedures, and equipment 7 in place at such airports. 8 (b) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN AGREE-9 MENTS.— 10 (1) DISCLOSURE REQUIRED.—No United States 11 air carrier that has entered into a covered agreement 12 may employ a Cuban national pursuant to 31 CFR 13 515.573 after the date that is 30 days after the date 14 of the enactment of this Act unless the air carrier 15 has publicly disclosed the full text of the covered 16 agreement. 17 (2) HIRING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.— 18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law or regu-19 lation, to the extent practicable, Cuban nationals re-20 ferred to in paragraph (1) shall not have been re-21 cruited, hired, or trained by entities that are owned, 22 operated, or controlled, in whole or in part, by 23 Cuba's Council of State, Council of Ministers, Com-24 munist Party, Ministry of the Revolutionary Armed 4

- Forces, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or Ministry of
 the Interior.
- 3 (3) COVERED AGREEMENT.—In this subsection, the term "covered agreement" means a formal 4 5 agreement between a United States air carrier with 6 passenger air service between any location in Cuba 7 and any location in the United States and the 8 Empresa Cubana de Aeropuertos V Servicios 9 Aeronauticos or any other entity associated with the 10 Government of Cuba.

11 SEC. 3. FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS.

12 (a) STANDARDIZATION.—Not later than 60 days 13 after the date of the enactment of the Act, the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration shall 14 15 develop a standard working document to serve as the basis for all negotiations and agreements that begin after such 16 17 date between the United States and foreign governments or partners regarding Federal Air Marshal coverage of 18 19 flights to and from the United States.

(b) WRITTEN AGREEMENTS.—All agreements between the United States and foreign governments or partners regarding the presence of Federal Air Marshals on
flights to and from the United States pursuant to subsection (a) shall be written and signed by the Secretary
of Homeland Security or the Secretary's designee.

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(c) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary
 of Homeland Security shall submit to the Committee on
 Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and
 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
 of the Senate any agreement entered into under this sec tion within 30 days of such agreement being signed.

7 SEC. 4. INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION.

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the 9 date of the enactment of this Act, the United States Am-10 bassador or the Chargé d'Affaires to the United States 11 Mission to the International Civil Aviation Organization 12 shall pursue improvements to airport security, including 13 if practicable, introducing a resolution to raise minimum 14 standards for airport security.

15 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the United 16 States Ambassador or the Chargé d'Affaires to the United 17 18 States Mission to the International Civil Aviation Organi-19 zation shall report to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House 2021 of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Secu-22 rity and Governmental Affairs, the Committee on Foreign 23 Relations, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate on the implementation of 24 subsection (a). 25