

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3935
OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER OF MINNESOTA**

Page 640, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 643, line 3 and insert the following:

1 (d) FEASIBILITY OF IN-CABIN WHEELCHAIR RE-
2 STRAINT SYSTEMS.—

3 (1) ROADMAP.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall
5 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a
6 publicly available strategic roadmap that describes
7 how the Department of Transportation and the
8 United States Access Board, respectively, shall, in
9 accordance with the recommendations from the Na-
10 tional Academies of Science, Engineering, and Math-
11 ematics Transportation Research Board Special Re-
12 port 341—

13 (A) establish a program of research, in col-
14 laboration with the Rehabilitation Engineering
15 and Assistive Technology Society of North
16 America (RESNA), the assistive technology in-
17 dustry, air carriers, original equipment manu-
18 facturers, national disability and disabled vet-

1 erans organizations, and any other relevant
2 stakeholders, to test and evaluate an appro-
3 priate selection of WC19-compliant wheelchairs
4 and accessories in accordance with applicable
5 FAA crashworthiness and safety performance
6 criteria, including the issues and considerations
7 set forth in Special Report 341; and

8 (B) sponsor studies that assess issues and
9 considerations, including those set forth in Spe-
10 cial Report 341, such as—

11 (i) the likely demand for air travel by
12 individuals who are nonambulatory if such
13 individuals could remain seated in their
14 personal wheelchairs in flight; and

15 (ii) the feasibility of implementing
16 seating arrangements that would accommo-
17 date passengers in wheelchairs in the main
18 cabin in flight.

19 (2) STUDY.—If determined to be technically
20 feasible by the Secretary, not later than 2 years
21 after making such determination, the Secretary shall
22 commence a study to assess the economic and finan-
23 cial feasibility of air carriers and foreign air carriers
24 implementing seating arrangements that accommo-
25 date passengers with wheelchairs (including power

1 wheelchairs, manual wheelchairs, and scooters) in
2 the main cabin during flight. Such study shall in-
3 clude an assessment of—

4 (A) the cost of such seating arrangements,
5 equipment, and installation;

6 (B) the demand for such seating arrange-
7 ments;

8 (C) the impact of such seating arrange-
9 ments on passenger seating and safety on air-
10 craft;

11 (D) the impact of such seating arrange-
12 ments on the cost of operations and airfare;
13 and

14 (E) any other information determined ap-
15 propriate by the Secretary.

16 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
17 date on which the study under paragraph (2) is
18 completed, the Secretary shall submit to the appro-
19 priate committees of Congress a publicly available
20 report describing the results of the study conducted
21 under paragraph (2), together with any rec-
22 ommendations the Secretary determines appropriate.

