Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1262, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1262

To establish a task force on improvements for certain notices to airmen, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2021

Mr. STAUBER (for himself and Mr. DESAULNIER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Notice to Airmen Improvement Act of 2021”.

4 SEC. 2. FAA TASK FORCE ON NOTAM IMPROVEMENT.

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a task
force to be known as the FAA Task Force on NOTAM
Improvement (in this section referred to as the “Task
Force”).

(b) COMPOSITION.—The Task Force shall consist of
members appointed by the Administrator, including at
least one member of each of the following:

(1) Air carrier representatives.

(2) Labor union representatives of airline pilots.

(3) Labor union certified under section 7111 of
title 5, United States Code, to represent FAA air
traffic control specialists assigned to the U.S.
NOTAM Office.

(4) Labor union certified under section 7111 of
title 5, United States Code, to represent FAA aero-
nautical information specialists.

(5) General and business aviation representa-
tives.

(6) Aviation safety experts with knowledge of
NOTAMs.

(7) Human factors experts.

(c) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall in-
clude—

(1) reviewing existing methods for presenting
NOTAMs and flight operations information to pilots;
(2) reviewing regulations and policies relating to NOTAMs, including their content and presentation to pilots;

(3) evaluating and determining best practices to organize, prioritize, and present flight operations information in a manner that optimizes pilot review and retention of relevant information; and

(4) providing recommendations for—

(A) improving the presentation of NOTAM information in a manner that prioritizes or highlights the most important information, and optimizes pilot review and retention of relevant information;

(B) ways to ensure that NOTAMs are complete, accurate, and contain the proper information;

(C) any best practices that the FAA should consider to improve the accuracy and understandability of NOTAMs and the display of flight operations information; and

(D) ways to work with air carriers, other airspace users, and aviation service providers to implement solutions that are aligned with the recommendations under this paragraph.
(d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the establishment of the Task Force, the Task Force shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report detailing—

(1) the results of the reviews and evaluations of the Task Force under paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (c);

(2) the best practices identified and recommendations provided by the Task Force under subsection (c)(4);

(3) any recommendations of the Task Force for additional regulatory or policy actions to improve the presentation of NOTAMs; and

(4) the degree to which implementing the recommendations of the Task Force described under paragraph (2) will address National Transportation Safety Board Safety Recommendation A–18–024.

(e) APPLICABLE LAW.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Task Force.

(f) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the later of—
(1) the date on which the Task Force submits
the report required under subsection (d); or
(2) the date that is 18 months after the date
on which the Task Force is established under sub-
section (a).

(g) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator shall have the
authority to carry out the recommendations of the Task
Force detailed in the report required under subsection (d).

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FAA.—The term “FAA” means the Fed-
eral Aviation Administration.

(2) NOTAM.—The term “NOTAM” means no-
tices to airmen required by international or domestic
regulation or law, as described in the order issued by
the FAA on December 11, 2018, titled “Notices to
Airmen (NOTAM)”. 