

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—118th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To establish a task force on improvements for notices to
air missions, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr.
MORAN, and Mrs. CAPITO)

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “NOTAM Improvement
5 Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FAA TASK FORCE ON NOTAM IMPROVEMENT.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of
9 the Federal Aviation Administration shall establish a task
10 force to be known as the FAA Task Force on NOTAM

1 Improvement (in this section referred to as the “Task
2 Force”).

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

6 (1) Air carrier representatives.

7 (2) Airport representatives.

8 (3) Labor union representatives of airline pilots.

9 (4) Labor union representatives of aircraft dis-
10 patchers.

11 (5) The labor union certified under section
12 7111 of title 5, United States Code, to represent
13 FAA air traffic control specialists assigned to the
14 United States NOTAMs Office.

15 (6) The labor union certified under section
16 7111 of title 5, United States Code, to represent
17 FAA aeronautical information specialists.

18 (7) General and business aviation representa-
19 tives.

20 (8) Aviation safety experts with knowledge of
21 NOTAMs.

22 (9) Human factors experts.

23 (10) Computer system architecture and cyberse-
24 curity experts.

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

3 (1) reviewing existing methods for publishing
4 NOTAMs and flight operations information to pilots;

5 (2) reviewing regulations, policies, systems, and
6 international standards relating to NOTAMs, includ-
7 ing their content and presentation to pilots;

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

12 (4) providing recommendations for—

13 (A) improving the publication and delivery
14 of NOTAM information in a manner that
15 prioritizes or highlights the most important in-
16 formation, and optimizes pilot review and reten-
17 tion of relevant information;

18 (B) ways to ensure that NOTAMs are
19 complete, accurate, timely, relevant to safe
20 flight operations, and contain pertinent infor-
21 mation;

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

1 (D) ways to work with air carriers, other
2 airspace users, and aviation service providers to
3 implement solutions that are aligned with the
4 recommendations under this paragraph; and

5 (E) ways to ensure the stability, resiliency,
6 and cybersecurity of the NOTAM computer sys-
7 tem.

8 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
9 of the establishment of the Task Force, the Task Force
10 shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and In-
11 frastructure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
12 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
13 Senate a report detailing—

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

17 (2) the best practices identified and rec-
18 ommendations provided by the Task Force under
19 subsection (c)(4);

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

23 (4) the degree to which implementing the rec-
24 ommendations of the Task Force described under

1 paragraph (2) will address National Transportation
2 Safety Board Safety Recommendation A-18-024.

3 (e) APPLICABLE LAW.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United
4 States Code, shall not apply to the Task Force.

5 (f) SUNSET.—The Task Force shall terminate on the
6 later of—

7 (1) the date on which the Task Force submits
8 the report required under subsection (d); or

9 (2) the date that is 18 months after the date
10 on which the Task Force is established under sub-
11 section (a).

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

15 (h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
16 tion may be construed to require the FAA to duplicate
17 any prior, ongoing, or planned efforts related to the im-
18 provement of NOTAMs, including any efforts related to
19 implementing any previously enacted requirements.

20 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

23 (2) NOTAM.—The term “NOTAM” means no-
24 tices to air missions required by international or do-

1 mestic regulation or law, as described in FAA Order
2 7930.2S.