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2D SESSION

# H. R. 9381

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 16, 2024

Mrs. SYKES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Airship Improvement  
5 Research for Safety and Humanitarian Innovation  
6 Projects Act” or the “AIRSHIP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AERONAUTICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
3 gress that—

4 (1) airships could contribute to sustainable and  
5 clean air cargo transportation;

6 (2) airships may one day find much needed ap-  
7 plications in supporting disaster response efforts or  
8 delivering humanitarian aid to those in need and to  
9 areas that may be inaccessible; and

10 (3) advances in airship design and technology  
11 could enable and reintroduce the world to practical,  
12 economical, and environmentally friendly airship  
13 transportation.

14 (b) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.—Section 40112  
15 of title 51, United States Code, is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) by striking “The Administrator” and  
18 inserting the following:

19 “(1) OBJECTIVE.—The Administrator”;

20 (B) in paragraph (1), as so designated, by  
21 inserting “, airship,” after “rotorcraft”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
23 paragraph:

24 “(2) APPROACH.—The Administrator may es-  
25 tablish a program of competitively awarded grants  
26 available to teams of researchers that may include

1 the participation of individuals from universities, in-  
2 dustry, and government for the conduct of this re-  
3 search.”; and

4 (2) in subsection (e)—

5 (A) by striking “The Administrator” and  
6 inserting the following:

7 “(1) OBJECTIVE.—The Administrator”;

8 (B) in paragraph (1), as so designated, in  
9 the first sentence, by inserting “, airship,” after  
10 “fixed wing vehicles”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) APPROACH.—The Administrator may es-  
14 tablish a program of competitively awarded grants  
15 available to teams of researchers that may include  
16 the participation of individuals from universities, in-  
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