

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 114-64**  
**OFFERED BY MR. POMPEO OF KANSAS**

Page 11, after line 21, add the following:

1 **SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

2 **PAYMENT OF RANSOM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subsection  
4 (b), the President and all officers of the United States  
5 Government shall not make a payment to a government  
6 or person for the purpose of securing the release of un-  
7 justly detained United States citizens, including United  
8 States citizens who are also citizens of other countries.

9 (b) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under subsection  
10 (a) does not prohibit the United States Government from  
11 providing assistance to United States citizens that have  
12 been arrested.

13 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury,  
14 in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Attor-  
15 ney General, may take such actions, including the promul-  
16 gation of such rules and regulations, as may be necessary  
17 to carry out the purposes of this section.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) ENTITY.—The term “entity” means a cor-  
2           poration, business association, partnership, trust, so-  
3           ciety, or any other entity.

4           (2) PERSON.—The term “person” means an in-  
5           dividual or entity.

