

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 4435  
OFFERED BY MR. YOHO OF FLORIDA**

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 1051. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXECUTIVE AUTHOR-**  
2 **ITY OVER USE OF ARMED UNMANNED AERIAL**  
3 **VEHICLES.**

4 (a) DOD EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY.—

5 (1) PROHIBITION.—No operation involving the  
6 use of an armed unmanned aerial vehicle shall be  
7 carried out under the authority of a department or  
8 agency of the Federal Government other than the  
9 Department of Defense.

10 (2) USE BY MILITARY PERSONNEL.—Only uni-  
11 formed members of the United States Armed Forces  
12 may—

13 (A) operate, or order the operation of, an  
14 armed unmanned aerial vehicle; or

15 (B) operate or fire, or order the operation  
16 or firing of, any weapon or other munition car-  
17 ried on an armed unmanned aerial vehicle.

1           (3) APPLICABLE LAW.—The operation and use  
2 of an armed unmanned aerial vehicle shall be subject  
3 to the requirements of title 10 of the United States  
4 Code.

5           (b) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
6 tion shall be construed—

7           (1) to limit or expand any authority of any  
8 component of the Federal Government to provide ad-  
9 vice, including intelligence, to the Department of De-  
10 fense in support of actions described in paragraph  
11 (1) and (2) of subsection (a); or

12           (2) to create any authority, or expand any ex-  
13 isting authority, for the Federal Government to kill  
14 any person.

15           (c) UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE.—The term “un-  
16 manned aerial vehicle” means an aircraft that is operated  
17 without the possibility of direct human intervention from  
18 within or on the aircraft. The term includes aircraft re-  
19 ferred to as a drone, UAV, unmanned aircraft (UA), un-  
20 manned aerial system (UAS), remotely piloted aircraft  
21 (RPA), remotely piloted vehicle (RPV), remotely operated  
22 aircraft (ROA), and unmanned aerial vehicle system  
23 (UAVS).

- 1 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
- 2 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

