

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 4909  
OFFERED BY MR. COFFMAN OF COLORADO**

At the end of subtitle A of title XVI, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 16\_\_\_. CAPABILITY TO PERFORM ALL NATIONAL SE-**  
2 **CURITY SPACE LAUNCHES.**

3 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
4 Secretary of Defense may not award or renew any contract  
5 for the procurement of any space launch vehicle or space  
6 launch service to any provider of that vehicle or service,  
7 unless that provider offers for national security space  
8 launches a space launch vehicle (or family of space launch  
9 vehicles) that, at the time of the procurement, is capable  
10 of delivering into space any payload designated by the ap-  
11 propriate authority as a national security payload.

12 (b) Not less than 60 days prior to any award of a  
13 contract or renewal of a contract for a space launch vehicle  
14 or space launch service, the Secretary of Defense shall cer-  
15 tify to the defense committees of Congress that the award  
16 and renewal complies with subsection (a).

17 (c) For the purposes of this section, the term defense  
18 committees of Congress means the Armed Services Com-

1 mittees and the Defense Appropriations Subcommittees of  
2 the House and Senate.

