

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

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

1 **SEC. 16__ . COMPETITIVE LAUNCH OF NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE MISSIONS.**
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3 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—For any covered national security space mission, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
4 that the launch services are procured using full and open
5 competition.
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7 (b) **OFFSET OF PENALTY FEES.**—In the case of any
8 contract penalties or termination fees required to be paid
9 by the government as a result of the requirement of subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall decrease the
10 evolved expendable launch vehicle launch capability arrangement by an equivalent amount.
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13 (c) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “covered national security space mission” shall mean any space
14 launch under the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program for which—
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17 (1) multiple certified launch vehicles exist capable of completing the mission; and
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1 (2) is scheduled to launch after December 31,
2 2017.

