

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

Page 609, line 20, strike “or any fiscal year thereafter”.

Page 610, strike lines 8 through 15 and insert the following:

1           “(3) OTHER PURPOSES.—The Secretary may  
2           obligate or expend not more than a total of 31 per-  
3           cent of the funds that are authorized to be appro-  
4           priated or otherwise made available for fiscal year  
5           2017 for the rocket propulsion system and launch  
6           system investment for activities not authorized by  
7           paragraph (1)(A), including for developing a launch  
8           vehicle, an upper stage, a strap-on motor, or related  
9           infrastructure. The Secretary may exceed such limit  
10          in fiscal year 2017 for such purposes if—”.

Page 612, strike lines 4 through 12 and insert the following:

11           “(3) PLAN TO PROTECT GOVERNMENT INVEST-  
12          MENT AND ASSURED ACCESS TO SPACE.—

1           “(A) In developing the rocket propulsion  
2           system under paragraph (1), and in any devel-  
3           opment conducted pursuant to subsection  
4           (d)(3), the Secretary shall develop a plan to  
5           protect the investment of the United States and  
6           the assured access to space, including, con-  
7           sistent with section 2320 of title 10, United  
8           States Code, and in accordance with other ap-  
9           plicable provisions of law, acquiring the rights,  
10          as appropriate, for the purpose of developing al-  
11          ternative sources of supply and manufacture in  
12          the event such alternative sources are necessary  
13          and in the best interest of the United States,  
14          such as in the event that a company goes out  
15          of business or the system is otherwise unavail-  
16          able after the Federal Government has invested  
17          significant resources to use and rely on such  
18          system for launch services.

19           “(B) Not later than 90 days after the date  
20          of the enactment of the National Defense Au-  
21          thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, the Sec-  
22          retary shall submit to the appropriate congres-  
23          sional committees the plan developed under  
24          subparagraph (A).”.

Page 612, strike lines 13 through 25.

