

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

Page 394, after line 5, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1048. 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.

18 (3) APPLICABLE LAW.—The operation and use
19 of an armed unmanned aerial vehicle shall be subject

1 to the requirements of title 10 of the United States
2 Code.

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

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

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

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

22 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
23 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

