AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115–23
OFFERED BY MR. YOHO OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle F of title 10 of the bill, add the following:

SEC. _____. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OVER USE OF ARMED UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES.

(a) DOD EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY.—

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

(2) USE BY MILITARY PERSONNEL.—Only uniformed members of the United States Armed Forces may—

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

(B) operate or fire, or order the operation or firing of, any weapon or other munition carried on an armed unmanned aerial vehicle; or
(C) designate or determine for targeting
the individuals or entities to be targeted by an
armed unmanned aerial vehicle.

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

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

(1) to limit or expand any authority of any
component of the Federal Government to provide ad-
vice, including intelligence, to the Department of De-
fense in support of actions described in subsection
(a); or

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

(c) UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE.—The term “un-
manned aerial vehicle” means an aircraft that is operated
without the possibility of direct human intervention from
within or on the aircraft. The term includes aircraft re-
ferred to as a drone, UAV, unmanned aircraft (UA), un-
manned aerial system (UAS), remotely piloted aircraft
(RPA), remotely piloted vehicle (RPV), remotely operated
aircraft (ROA), and unmanned aerial vehicle system
(UAVS).
(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.