

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:

1 **SEC. ____ . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXECUTIVE AU-**
2 **THORITY OVER USE OF ARMED UNMANNED**
3 **AERIAL 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;

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; or

1 (C) designate or determine for targeting
2 the individuals or entities to be targeted by an
3 armed unmanned aerial vehicle.

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
- 2 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

