

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4909
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At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON VIOLATIONS OF**
2 **HUMAN RIGHTS BY THE MILITARY OF AZER-**
3 **BAIJAN.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the United States continues to be a leader
6 for human rights worldwide;

7 (2) Congress should do all in its power to con-
8 demn human rights violations abroad and have vigi-
9 lant oversight over military programs that train for-
10 eign forces that are suspect of committing human
11 rights violations;

12 (3) the Republic of Azerbaijan's recent actions
13 put into question its leaders' commitments to human
14 rights;

15 (4) the Government of Azerbaijan has yet to
16 bring to justice Ramil Safarov who in 2004 mur-
17 dered Armenian military officer Gurgen Margaryan

1 while he slept at a NATO Partnership for Peace
2 training program;

3 (5) reports of possible atrocities committed by
4 the military of Azerbaijan have been documented
5 during the recent April 2016 attack on Nagorno-
6 Karabakh;

7 (6) the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary
8 of State should open a formal investigation on any
9 gross violations of human rights committed by the
10 military of Azerbaijan; and

11 (7) if it is determined that any such gross viola-
12 tions of human rights have been committed by the
13 military of Azerbaijan, the Department of Defense
14 and the Department of State should cease the provi-
15 sion of assistance to the military of Azerbaijan in ac-
16 cordance with section 620M of the Foreign Assist-
17 ance Act of 1961 and the most recent Act making
18 appropriations for the Department of Defense (to-
19 gether commonly known as the "Leahy Law").

