

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

**118-13**

**OFFERED BY MRS. HAYES OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert  
the following:

1       SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. It is the sense of Congress that:

2           (1) 1,300,000 children are directly exposed to  
3       gun violence each year, resulting in death, injury,  
4       and lasting trauma.

5           (2) Guns are the leading cause of death for  
6       children under age 18.

7           (3) Children who are exposed to violence in  
8       their communities are more likely to suffer from  
9       chronic absenteeism.

10          (4) Exposure to violence perpetuates further  
11       violent behavior, creating a cycle of violence that will  
12       continue, absent an intervention.

13          (5) Programs facilitated in schools by coun-  
14       selors, mental health providers, and community lead-  
15       ers for students who have been exposed to or are at  
16       high risk of involvement in community violence have  
17       been shown to help students develop the social and

1 emotional resiliency and skills to break cycles of  
2 generational violence and trauma.

3 (6) Project Prevent Grants help schools in com-  
4 munities with pervasive violence break the cycle of  
5 violence by offering students—

6 (A) access to school-based counseling serv-  
7 ices or referrals to community-based counseling  
8 services to address trauma or anxiety;

9 (B) social and emotional supports to help  
10 address the effects of violence;

11 (C) conflict resolution and other school-  
12 based strategies to prevent future violence; and

13 (D) a safer and improved school environ-  
14 ment, which may include activities to decrease  
15 the incidence of harassment, bullying, violence,  
16 and gang involvement.

17 (7) \$601,000,000 for the School Safety Na-  
18 tional Activities program within the Safe Schools  
19 and Citizenship Education division of the Depart-  
20 ment of Education would ensure schools have ade-  
21 quate resources to improve students' safety and well-  
22 being both during and after the school day.

23 (8) \$25,000,000 of such funding directed to  
24 Project Prevent grants would increase the amount of  
25 local education agencies who can implement evi-

1        dence-based community- and school-based strategies  
2        to help prevent community violence, while also pro-  
3        viding vital resources to help mitigate the impacts of  
4        exposure to violence by youth.

