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Amendments to H.R. 4247 – Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act

H.R. 4247 is scheduled to be considered on the House floor on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, subject to a structured rule that makes in order two amendments. The rule ([H.Res. 1126](#)) waives all points of order against consideration of the bill, except for clause 9 (earmarks) and clause 10 (“PAYGO”) of rule XXI. The rule allows one hour of debate and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE

1. **Miller Amendment (D-CA)**. The amendment would change the title of the bill from “Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act” and insert “Keeping All Students Safe Act.” The amendment makes other technical changes to the bill.
2. **Flake Amendment (R-AZ)**. The amendment would establish a presumption that grants awarded under the bill will be awarded using a competitive process based on merit. Should a competitive process not be used, the amendment requires the Secretary to submit a report to congress explaining why competitive procedures were not used. The amendment also contains a prohibition on earmarks in the bill.