

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5504
OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO**

Insert after section 247 of the Amendment the following:

1 SEC. 248. PLANT-BASED OPTIONS PILOT PROGRAM.

2 Section 18 of the Richard B. Russell National School
3 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769) is amended by adding at the
4 end the following:

5 “(k) PLANT-BASED OPTIONS PILOT PROGRAM.—

6 “(1) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Healthy
7 School Meals Pilot Program established under this
8 subsection are—

9 “(A) to introduce healthful plant-based
10 foods, which are low in saturated fat and free
11 of cholesterol, to schools for use in the National
12 School Lunch Program;

13 “(B) to improve the health of America’s
14 schoolchildren by raising the nutritional quality
15 of food through the inclusion of healthful plant-
16 based meal options in schools.

17 “(2) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-

1 retary shall select school food authorities to partici-
2 pate in a pilot program that evaluates the use of
3 plant-based alternate protein products under the
4 school meal programs under the Richard B. Russell
5 National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.)
6 and section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
7 U.S.C. 1773).

8 “(3) SELECTION AND PROGRAM REQUIRE-
9 MENTS.—

10 “(A) SELECTION REQUIREMENTS.—The
11 Secretary shall select school food authorities to
12 participate in the pilot program under this sec-
13 tion.

14 “(B) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—In addi-
15 tion to the commodities delivered under section
16 6(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School
17 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1755(b)), the Secretary
18 shall deliver to the school food authorities se-
19 lected to participate in the pilot program under
20 this section, at no cost to the school food au-
21 thorities, plant-based alternate protein products
22 for schools under the jurisdiction of such school
23 food authorities for the preparation of daily
24 meals under—

1 “(i) the school lunch program under
2 the Richard B. Russell National School
3 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.); and

4 “(ii) the school breakfast program
5 under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act
6 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

7 “(4) EVALUATION.—Not later than 24 months
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act the Sec-
9 retary shall evaluate the pilot program conducted
10 under this section to assess—

11 “(A) which plant-based alternate protein
12 products are superior with regard to—

13 “(i) cost-effectiveness;

14 “(ii) marketability to school food au-
15 thorities;

16 “(iii) ease of preparation and use; and

17 “(iv) acceptance by children partici-
18 pating in the school meal programs under
19 the Richard B. Russell National School
20 Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) and
21 section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of
22 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773); and

23 “(B) any other factors and outcomes asso-
24 ciated with increasing the availability of plant-

1 based alternate protein products in schools, as
2 determined by the Secretary.

3 “(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term
4 ‘plant-based alternate protein product’ means an al-
5 ternate protein product that—

6 “(A) meets the nutritional requirements
7 described in appendix A to part 210 of title 7
8 of the Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect
9 on the date of the enactment of this Act); and

10 “(B) contains no animal-based foods, prod-
11 ucts, or byproducts.

12 “(6) FUNDS.—The Secretary shall use not
13 more than \$1,000,000 of the amount appropriated
14 under section 3 to carry out this subsection.”.

