

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 8450
OFFERED BY MRS. HARSHBARGER OF TENNESSEE**

At the end of title IX, add the following:

1 **SEC. 90 . MEAL PATTERN REGULATIONS.**

2 (a) The Secretary shall not issue any new or updated
3 regulations that contain new nutrition standards for the
4 school meal programs under the Richard B. Russell Na-
5 tional School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) and the
6 Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.)
7 without first conducting an independent study that exam-
8 ines the feasibility of such standards including—

9 (1) the cost to—

10 (A) the Federal government; and

11 (B) grantees and families participating in
12 the school meal programs;

13 (2) for purposes of preventing increased food
14 waste, the response of students to requirements re-
15 sulting from such standards; and

16 (3) the time necessary for school meal program
17 operators to have food that meets such standards
18 available for purchase.

1 (b) The Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
2 Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and
3 the Senate Committee on Agriculture—

4 (1) the results of the study described in sub-
5 section (a); and

6 (2) a description of how the Secretary will ad-
7 dress such results prior to issuing such regulations.

