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:

SEC. 90. MEAL PATTERN REGULATIONS.

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

(1) the cost to—

(A) the Federal government; and

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

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

(3) the time necessary for school meal program
operators to have food that meets such standards
available for purchase.
(b) The Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives and the Senate Committee on Agriculture—

(1) the results of the study described in subsection (a); and

(2) a description of how the Secretary will address such results prior to issuing such regulations.