

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5504
OFFERED BY MRS. DAVIS OF CALIFORNIA AND
MR. LOEBSACK OF IOWA**

After section 106 insert the following:

1 **SEC. 107. DIRECT CERTIFICATION OF MILITARY PER-**
2 **SONNEL.**

3 Section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National
4 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)) is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(16) DIRECT CERTIFICATION OF CHILDREN OF
7 MILITARY PERSONNEL.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph
9 (6), any local educational agency may certify as
10 eligible for free lunches or breakfasts, without
11 further application (as defined in paragraph
12 (4)(G)), any child who is a dependent of a par-
13 ent or guardian receiving a supplemental sub-
14 sistence allowance for low-income families with
15 dependents under section 402a of title 37,
16 United States Code.

17 “(B) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than
18 90 days of the date of the enactment of this

1 paragraph, the Secretary, in consultation with
2 the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of
3 Education, shall establish procedures to directly
4 certify any child who is a dependent of a parent
5 or guardian receiving a supplemental subsist-
6 ence allowance for low-income families with de-
7 pendents under section 402a of title 37, United
8 States Cod.

9 “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
11 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
12 Education and Labor of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives and the Committee on Agriculture,
14 Nutrition, and Forestry a report describing the
15 procedures for carrying out the requirements of
16 this paragraph.”.

Insert after section 145 the following:

17 **SEC. 146. STUDY ON MILITARY CHILDREN’S ACCESS TO**
18 **SCHOOL MEALS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation
20 with the Secretary of Defense, shall examine access to free
21 and reduced price school meals for eligible children of
22 members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty.

23 (b) SCOPE.—The Secretary shall—

1 (1) examine whether policies and processes for
2 certifying children as eligible for free and reduced
3 price meals meet the needs of households that in-
4 clude members of the Armed Forces serving on ac-
5 tive duty;

6 (2) identify any barriers facing children of
7 members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty
8 in accessing the school lunch program under the
9 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
10 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) or the school breakfast pro-
11 gram under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of
12 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773); and

13 (3) identify any new strategies that may be ef-
14 fective in directly certifying children of such mem-
15 bers who are eligible for free meals under the school
16 lunch program or the school breakfast program
17 using data available to the Secretary of Defense.

18 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
19 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
20 the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of
21 Representatives and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-
22 tion, and Forestry of the Senate a report that describes—

23 (1) the findings of the report described under
24 subsection (b);

1 (2) methods for reducing any barriers faced by
2 children of members of the Armed Forces serving on
3 active duty face in accessing the school lunch pro-
4 gram or the school breakfast program; and

5 (3) recommendations with respect to strategies
6 by which the school lunch program and the school
7 breakfast program could better meet the needs of
8 such children.

9 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
10 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
11 necessary to carry out this section for fiscal year 2011,
12 to be available until expended.

