AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 5003
OFFERED BY M.R. SCOTT

Redesignate sections 306 through 310, as sections 307 through 311, respectively.

Insert after section 305 the following:

SEC. 306. UNIVERSAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS STUDY AND PROJECT.

(a) STUDY AND PROJECTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Act, the Secretary shall—

(1) conduct a study to assess the impact of offering free breakfast and lunch under the school lunch program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) and the school breakfast program under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773) (referred to in this section as the school meal programs) to all students, without regard to family income, on—
(A) the academic achievement of students who receive meals under the school meal programs;
(B) the school learning environment;
(C) the student rates of absenteeism and tardiness;
(D) suspensions, expulsions, and discipline referrals;
(E) the participation levels in the school meal programs;
(F) the nutrition quality and appeal of the meals served; and
(G) the cafeteria culture, including the elimination of any stigma in the cafeteria; and
(H) the ease to schools and schools administrators; and

(2) carry out demonstration projects in not more than 5 local educational agencies of varying sizes and economic need that—

(A) offer free breakfast and lunch to all students in all schools;
(B) provide breakfast through an alternative service model such as breakfast in the classroom; and
(C) operate a universal meals program for not less than 3 years.

(b) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall evaluate the impact on each local educational agency participating in a project under subsection (a)(2) in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary.