

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1147, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. 3. FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) All children deserve healthy, nutritious
4 meals.

5 (2) School meals play an essential role in meet-
6 ing the nutritional needs of children.

7 (3) Some families choose plant-based milk to
8 meet the nutritional needs of children with milk al-
9 lergies.

10 (4) Cow’s milk allergy is one of the most com-
11 mon food allergies reported in infants and young
12 children.

13 (5) Plant-based milks are popular for health,
14 ethical, and environmental reasons, and some indi-
15 viduals prefer the taste of plant-based milk over
16 cow’s milk.

17 (6) Some nutritional aspects of many plant-
18 based milks are similar to cow’s milk, such as so-
19 dium and potassium content.

1 (7) The American Society of Nutrition has
2 found that most plant-based milks are a healthier
3 choice when it comes to fat and calories as compared
4 to whole-fat cow's milk.

5 (8) The First Amendment protects the rights of
6 individuals to discuss food and beverage preferences
7 and nutritional information with their peers, teach-
8 ers, and school officials.

9 (9) Department of Agriculture guidelines sug-
10 gest that cow's milk is the best for all students, but
11 this is clearly not the case for many children.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
13 gress that—

14 (1) nothing in the Richard B. Russell National
15 School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1750 et seq.) prohibits
16 elementary school or secondary school students from
17 discussing or sharing information about non-dairy
18 milk alternatives with their classmates on the cam-
19 pus of such school;

20 (2) parents and students should be provided
21 with as much information as possible about school
22 meal nutrition; and

23 (3) parents and students, in consultation with
24 their physicians, should be able to have as much
25 choice as possible in the school lunch program, so

- 1 that the individual dietary needs of children can be
- 2 better achieved.

