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H. R. 3120

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2003

Ms. LEE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Right to Know School
5 Nutrition Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IRRADIATED FOODS IN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PRO-**
2 **GRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture
4 shall, by rule, require any institutions that serve irradiated
5 foods as part of the school lunch program under the Rich-
6 ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1751 et seq.) or the school breakfast program established
8 under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
9 U.S.C. 1773) to—

10 (1) provide to the students served by such pro-
11 grams, and to the parents or guardians of such stu-
12 dents, prior to serving irradiated foods, balanced in-
13 formation regarding irradiated foods, including—

14 (A) the purpose of radiation used on foods;

15 (B) the effects of radiation on the nutri-
16 tional value of foods; and

17 (C) any potential adverse health con-
18 sequences of irradiated foods;

19 (2) provide students served by such programs
20 (and their parents or guardians with respect to such
21 students) the option of traditional, non-irradiated
22 foods at every meal provided under such programs;

23 (3) ensure that menu items containing irradi-
24 ated foods are clearly labeled with the phrase “treat-
25 ed with irradiation”, or “treated by irradiation”;

1 (4) ensure that irradiated and non-irradiated
2 foods are not commingled; and

3 (5) ensure the prominent display of signs in
4 school cafeterias indicating that irradiated food is
5 being served.

6 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
7 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such
8 sums as may be necessary for carrying out this Act.

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