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To amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to permit certain summer food pilot programs to be carried out in all States and by all service institutions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

May 11, 2005

Mr. LUGAR introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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. FINDINGS.

- 4 Congress finds that—
- 5 (1) proper nutrition is a key to childhood health
- 6 and equal educational opportunities;
- 7 (2) each day, more than 28,000,000 children
 8 participate in Federal school meal programs;

1	(3) more than $\frac{1}{2}$ of those children receive free
2	or reduced price meals due to low household income;
3	(4) in 1969, Congress established the summer
4	food service program because the nutrition needs of
5	low income children do not subside when the school
6	year ends;
7	(5) in 1999, Congress introduced a pilot pro-
8	gram allowing 13 States and Puerto Rico to stream-
9	line administrative procedures;
10	(6) participation in the summer food service
11	program in the pilot States greatly increased, while
12	average participation in the nonparticipating States
13	decreased;
14	(7) in 2005, due to the success of the pilot pro-
15	gram, Congress authorized an additional 6 States to
16	participate in the pilot program; and
17	(8) increased efforts to meet the summer nutri-
18	tional needs of all children in the United States
19	should be employed.
20	SEC. 2. SUMMER FOOD PILOT PROJECTS.
21	Section 18(f) of the Richard B. Russell National
22	School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1769(f)) is amended by
23	striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(1) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE STATE.—In this
 subsection, the term 'eligible State' has the meaning
 given the term 'State' in section 12(d).".