AMENDMENT NO._____ Calendar No._____

Purpose: To require studies by the Secretary of Agriculture on the effects of food products from cloned animals entering the food supply.

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To provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself and Mr. SPECTER)

Viz:

On page 1045, after line 2, insert the following:

SEC. 7505. STUDIES AND REPORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ON FOOD PRODUCTS FROM CLONED ANIMALS.

(a) STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture, in coordination with the Economic Research

Service, and after consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall conduct a study and report to Congress on the state of domestic and international markets for products from cloned animals, including consumer acceptance. Such report shall be submitted to Congress no later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) CONTENT.—The study and report under paragraph (1) shall include a description of how countries regulate the importation of food and agricultural products (including dairy products), the basis for such regulations, and potential obstacles to trade.

(b) STUDY WITH THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall contract with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study and report to Congress regarding the safety of food products derived from cloned animals and the health effects and costs attributable to milk from cloned animals in the food supply. Such report shall be submitted to Congress no later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) CONTENT.—The study and report under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a review and an assessment of whether the studies (including peer review studies), data, and analysis used in the draft risk assessment issued by the Food and Drug Administration entitled *Animal Cloning: A Draft Risk Assessment* (issued on December 28, 2006) supported the conclusions drawn by such draft risk assessment and—

(i) whether there were a sufficient number of studies to support such conclusions; and

(ii) whether additional pertinent studies and data exist which were not considered in the draft risk assessment and how this additional information affects the conclusions drawn in such draft risk assessment; and

(B) an evaluation and measurement of the potential public health effects and associated health care costs, including any consumer behavior changes and negative impacts on nutrition, health, and chronic diseases that may result from any decrease in dairy consumption,

attributable to the commercialization of milk from cloned animals and their progeny.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to impede ongoing scientific research in artificial reproductive health technologies.

(d) TIMEFRAME OF FINAL RISK ASSESSMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs) shall not issue the final risk assessment on the safety of cloned animals and food products derived from cloned animals until the date that the Secretary of Agriculture completes the studies required under this section.

(e) CONTINUANCE OF MORATORIUM.—Any voluntary moratorium on introducing food from cloned animals or their progeny into the food supply shall remain in effect at least until the date that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (acting through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs) issues the final risk assessment described in subsection (d).