

SA 4485. Mrs. ERNST submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 2943, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle I of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1097. MEAT OPTIONS.

(a) In General.--The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that, on a daily basis, members of the Armed Forces at Department of Defense dining facilities are provided with meat options that meet or exceed the nutritional standards established in the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans published under section 301 of the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. 5341).

(b) Prohibition.--None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act may be obligated or expended to establish or enforce "Meatless Monday" or any other program explicitly designed to reduce the amount of animal protein that members of the Armed Forces voluntarily consume.