

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1298, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. BALLANCE OF NORTH  
CAROLINA**

Page 55, after line 10, insert the following:

1 (g) SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO FOOD AS-  
2 SISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS.—

3 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (A) The United States provides more than  
5 60 percent of all food assistance worldwide.

6 (B) According to the United Nations  
7 World Food Program and other United Nations  
8 agencies, food insecurity of individuals infected  
9 or living with HIV/AIDS is a major problem in  
10 countries with large populations of such individ-  
11 uals, particularly in African countries.

12 (C) Although the United States is willing  
13 to provide food assistance to these countries in  
14 need, a few of the countries object to part or  
15 all of the assistance because of fears of benign  
16 genetic modifications to the foods.

17 (D) Healthy and nutritious foods for indi-  
18 viduals infected or living with HIV/AIDS are an  
19 important complement to HIV/AIDS medicines  
20 for such individuals.



1           (E) Individuals infected with HIV have  
2           higher nutritional requirements than individuals  
3           who are not infected with HIV, particularly  
4           with respect to the need for protein. Also, there  
5           is evidence to suggest that the full benefit of  
6           therapy to treat HIV/AIDS may not be  
7           achieved in individuals who are malnourished,  
8           particularly in pregnant and lactating women.

9           (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is therefore the  
10          sense of Congress that United States food assistance  
11          should be accepted by countries with large popu-  
12          lations of individuals infected or living with HIV/  
13          AIDS, particularly African countries, in order to  
14          help feed such individuals.

Page 69, line 19, strike “The drug nevirapine re-  
duces” and insert “Certain antiretroviral drugs reduce”.

