

We know that improving our eating habits is vital to our health, but the recent amendment to the reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act sheds light that obesity among children and young adults have increased so dramatically. This states that this is a threat to not only the overall health of America but the future strength of our military. Under section 1065 in the findings and sense of congress on obesity and federal child nutrition programs, the (2) part states: "Twenty-seven percent, over 9,000,000, 17-24-year-olds in the United States are too fat to serve in the military." The full list of findings is the first article highlighted in our *Happenings of the Time* section.

Thankfully, over the past month, 221 Members of Congress – a Majority of the House – sent a letter to the Speaker supporting the President's request for an increase of \$1 billion a year for the Child Nutrition Programs and, now, 341 Members of Congress have voted to express their support for this same request. This is tremendous momentum for our cause and we should see a bill coming to the floor with this full funding sometime before July 4th! The article we highlight in this newsletter not only lists the amendment, but an article depicting the time line of the amendment and the final vote results.

The second article we highlight this month also has to do with an act of Congress, but this bill is still pending. Its the FDA Food Safety and Modernization Act, and this bill would amend the S. 510 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply. Now that Congress has reached a conclusion on Wall Street reform, many lawmakers are calling for the passage of S. 510, citing recent food borne illness outbreaks to underscore the need for a revamped food safety system. This bill is somewhat controversial because it will require food handlers to keep better records and there will be tighter controls which always cost something, but it is common sense regulation to control against pathogens in the food supply. The hyperlink included for this article is govtrack.us which includes the full text of the bill, status of the bill and an extensive Q&A. An article on the issue is also included.

The third hyperlink we included is the issues & legislation page of the School Nutrition Association. This site is up-to-date and informative on the issues at hand now, and allows visitors to "take action" on those pending in Congress.

Chef's Corner is behind school directors and the safety of students. We are here to help develop quality food at an affordable price. Combating child obesity is our mission, and we need the partnership with school districts to make that mission a reality!

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We need your ideas!

As a local food developer, we pride ourselves on being the forerunners of innovative ideas and products. For example, our four core items of Veggie Fried Rice, Veggie Chow Mein, Spring Rolls and Orange Chicken were all developed in

partnership with Unified School Districts when we first began our endeavors over a year ago.

Our professional team of Chef's work in our kitchen at Hayward and enjoy a challenge. With summer quickly approaching it is a great time to put our heads together and think of what you would like to see and what we could help you with!

Call our office today and speak with a representative to discuss your thoughts! We need your help to create what the children want to see, for you are the ones who work with them day-to-day and we are the food developers! 1-866-698-2433

Final Chance on Shelf Stable Meals!

For the past few months Chef's Corner has been offering a shelf stable, fully balanced meal for summer school's, emergency plans and field trips. There are ten healthy options to choose from and are fully balanced and reimbursable by the USDA! If you haven't heard about them call your rep and ask!!

The Happenings of the Time

Full Amendment that was passed to the Child Nutrition Act: This full amendment was passed May 30th. This is a huge step in battling child obesity.

Article and Timeline on the Amendment: Message and Key Points

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Stage Set for Food Safety Bill: Portrayal of Bill

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