

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 5551
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Improving the Health
3 of Children Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE NATIONAL CENTER ON
5 BIRTH DEFECTS AND DEVELOPMENTAL DIS-
6 ABILITIES.**

7 Section 317C of the Public Health Service Act (42
8 U.S.C. 247b-4) is amended—

9 (1) by striking subsection (a)(4) and inserting
10 the following:

11 “(4) SPECIFIC PROGRAMS.—The Secretary, act-
12 ing through the Director of the Center, shall con-
13 tinue to carry out programs related to—

14 “(A) early identification of developmental
15 delay and disability;

16 “(B) birth defects;

17 “(C) folic acid;

18 “(D) cerebral palsy;

1 “(E) intellectual disabilities;
2 “(F) child development;
3 “(G) newborn screening;
4 “(H) autism;
5 “(I) fragile X syndrome;
6 “(J) fetal alcohol spectrum disorders and
7 other conditions related to prenatal substance
8 use;
9 “(K) pediatric genetic disorders;
10 “(L) neuromuscular diseases;
11 “(M) congenital heart defects;
12 “(N) attention-deficit/hyperactivity dis-
13 order;
14 “(O) stillbirth;
15 “(P) Tourette Syndrome; or
16 “(Q) any other relevant disease, disability,
17 disorder, or condition, as determined the Sec-
18 retary.”;
19 (2) in subsection (c), in the matter preceding
20 paragraph (1), by striking “Not later than February
21 1” and all that follows through “2 fiscal years—”
22 and inserting the following: “The Secretary shall
23 submit biennially to the Committee on Energy and
24 Commerce of the House of Representatives, and the

1 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pen-
2 sions of the Senate, a report that—”; and

3 (3) in subsection (f), by striking “such sums as
4 may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2003
5 through 2007” and inserting “\$186,010,000 for
6 each of fiscal years 2022 through 2026”.

7 **SEC. 3. EFFECTS OF FOLIC ACID IN PREVENTION OF BIRTH**
8 **DEFECTS.**

9 Section 317J of the Public Health Service Act (42
10 U.S.C. 247b–11) is amended by striking subsection (e)
11 (relating to authorization of appropriations).

