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H. R. 6449

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2020

Mr. NEGUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Food and Necessities
5 During Public Emergencies Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURCHASE OF DURABLE GOODS WITH SUPPLE-**
2 **MENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
3 **BENEFITS DURING DECLARED EMER-**
4 **GENCIES.**

5 During an emergency declared under the National
6 Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) or the Robert
7 T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the term “food” as defined in
9 section 3(k)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
10 (7 U.S.C. 2012(k)(1)) shall be deemed to include the fol-
11 lowing:

12 (1) Infant care necessities, including diapers
13 (disposable or re-useable), baby wipes, and bottles.

14 (2) Household paper products, including tis-
15 sues, toilet paper, and paper towels.

16 (3) Household cleaning products, including:
17 mops, brooms, bleach (or equivalent cleaning solu-
18 tions), and cleaning wipes.

19 (4) Personal cleaning products, including tooth-
20 brushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, hand sanitizer,
21 and deodorant.

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