

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5196

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 2002

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia (for herself and Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 “National Naval Force  
5       Structure Policy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL NAVAL FORCE STRUCTURE POLICY.**

2       It is the policy of the United States to rebuild as soon  
3 as possible the size of the fleet of the United States Navy  
4 to no fewer than 375 vessels in active service, to include  
5 15 aircraft carrier battle groups and 15 amphibious ready  
6 groups, in order to ensure peace through strength for the  
7 United States throughout the 21st century.

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