107TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 2086

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 6, 2001

Mr. Sanders introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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 "Alternative Medical
- 5 Access for Federal Employees Act of 2001".

1 SEC. 2. HEALTH BENEFITS COVERAGE.

- 2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8902(k) of title 5, United
 3 States Code, is amended—
- 4 (1) by inserting "acupuncturist, massage thera-
- 5 pist, naturopathic physician," after "nursing school
- 6 administered clinic," each place it appears; and
- 7 (2) by striking "nurse midwife," each place it
- 8 appears and inserting "nurse midwife or other mid-
- 9 wife,".
- 10 (b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to contracts entered
- 12 into or renewed on or after the date of enactment of this
- 13 Act.

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