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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

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.

