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To declare, under the authority of Congress under Article I, section 8 of the Constitution to “provide and maintain a Navy”, a national policy for the naval force structure required in order to “provide for the common defense” of the United States throughout the 21st century.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2003

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia (for herself, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. FORBES, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. SIMMONS, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. LANGEVIN, and Mr. MCGOVERN) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “National Naval Force
3 Structure Policy Act”.

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

5 It is the policy of the United States to rebuild as soon
6 as possible the size of the fleet of the United States Navy
7 to no fewer than 375 vessels in active service, to include
8 15 aircraft carrier battle groups and 15 amphibious ready
9 groups, in order to ensure peace through strength for the
10 United States throughout the 21st century.

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