
Jeff Trandahl,
Clerk of the House.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. STUMP
Mr. STUMP. Madam Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The amendment is in order, except amendments in the nature of a substitute, and amendments which are tangential to the amendment offered by Mr. Stump.

The Chair recognizes Mr. Stump.

Mr. STUMP. Madam Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The amendment which I offer today is an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002. The amendment would increase the amount available for the Navy to construct and deploy a new class of aircraft carrier.

The increase is based on the need to replace the older and less capable Nimitz-class carriers with a new class of carriers that would provide improved capabilities and greater operational efficiency.

The amendment would provide an additional $250 million for the construction of the new generation of aircraft carriers.

I thank you for this opportunity to discuss this important amendment.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to take this opportunity to commend the work of the Navy and its contractors on the construction of the new generation of aircraft carriers. The Navy has made significant progress in developing and building these new ships, and I am confident that they will provide the United States with a powerful and reliable fleet.

This amendment is necessary to ensure that we have a modern and capable fleet of aircraft carriers to protect our nation and our allies.

Thank you for your attention.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.