

**AMENDMENT**  
**OFFERED BY MR. WALDEN OF OREGON**  
(to the text of H.R. 3962)

Add at the end of subtitle F of title I of division B  
the following:

1 **SEC. 1197. ENSURING PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION**  
2 **OF INTERESTS OF RURAL AREAS ON MEDPAC.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1805(c)(2) of the Social  
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395b-6(c)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “con-  
6 sistent with subparagraph (E)” after “rural rep-  
7 resentatives”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9 paragraph:

10 “(E) **PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION OF**  
11 **INTERESTS OF RURAL AREAS.**—In order to pro-  
12 vide a balance between urban and rural rep-  
13 resentatives under subparagraph (A), the pro-  
14 portion of members of the Commission who rep-  
15 resent the interests of health care providers and  
16 Medicare beneficiaries located in rural areas  
17 shall be no less than the proportion of the total

1           number of Medicare beneficiaries who reside in  
2           rural areas.”.

3           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 subsection (a) shall apply to appointments to the Medicare  
5 Payment Advisory Commission made after the date of the  
6 enactment of this Act.

