

**Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 3
Offered by Rep. Ferguson of Georgia**

The amendment would require that no provision of H.R. 3 be implemented until the Secretary of Health and Human Services certifies in writing that H.R. 3 will not reduce patient access to physicians, including oncologists, in rural areas within the United States.

AMENDMENT TO _____
OFFERED BY MR. Ferguson

[HR3 as noticed by Ways and Means]

Add at the end the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **TITLE _____—MISCELLANEOUS**
2 **SEC. _____. HHS CERTIFICATION ON ACCESS TO PHYSI-**
3 **CIA NS IN RURAL AREAS.**

4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, none
5 of the provisions (including amendments made by) this
6 Act shall go into effect unless and until the date on which
7 the Secretary of Health and Human Services submits to
8 the Congress a certification that if such provisions (or
9 such amendments) were to go into effect, there would be
10 no reduction in access to physicians, including oncologists,
11 by individuals in rural areas in the United States.

