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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 1997

Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on House Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. CONDITION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601(a) of the Legislative
5 Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2)(A) by striking “Subject to
2 subparagraph (B),” and inserting “Subject to sub-
3 paragraph (B) and paragraph (3),”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(3)(A) An adjustment under paragraph (2) which
6 is scheduled to take effect in a calendar year shall not
7 be made if the budget of the United States Government
8 was in deficit for the last fiscal year ending before the
9 start of such calendar year, as determined under subpara-
10 graph (B).

11 “(B) Not later than 2 months after the end of each
12 fiscal year, the Director of the Congressional Budget Of-
13 fice shall—

14 “(i) determine whether the budget of the Unit-
15 ed States Government was in deficit for such fiscal
16 year; and

17 “(ii) submit a written report to the Congress as
18 to its findings under this subparagraph.

19 A failure to make a timely determination under the pre-
20 ceding sentence shall be treated as a determination under
21 this subparagraph that the budget of the United States
22 Government was in deficit for the fiscal year involved.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to any adjustment
3 scheduled to take effect after December 31, 1998.

