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H. R. 2327

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 1999

Mr. STEARNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Deficit Accountability
5 Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. EFFECT OF A BUDGET DEFICIT.**

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

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

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

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

14 “(B) Not later than 2 months after the end of each
15 fiscal year, the Director of the Office of Management and
16 Budget shall—

17 “(i) determine whether the budget of the
18 United States Government was in deficit for such
19 fiscal year; and

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

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