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# H. R. 3791

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2004

Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. HALL, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. PAUL, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, 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

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## 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 2004”.

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) An adjustment under paragraph (2) otherwise  
9 scheduled to take effect in a calendar year shall not be  
10 made if, as determined by the Office of Management and  
11 Budget, there was a deficit (as defined by section 3 of  
12 the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act  
13 of 1974) in the preceding fiscal year.”.

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