

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 223

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2005

Mr. STEARNS 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

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 2005”.

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

7 Section 601(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
8 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) An adjustment under paragraph (2) otherwise
6 scheduled to take effect in a calendar year shall not be
7 made if, as determined by the Office of Management and
8 Budget, there was a deficit (as defined by section 3 of
9 the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act
10 of 1974) in the preceding fiscal year.”.

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