109TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 3073

To allow Congress to reverse the judgments of the United States Supreme Court.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 27, 2005

Mr. Lewis of Kentucky introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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 "Congressional Ac-
- 5 countability for Judicial Activism Act of 2005".
- 6 SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL REVERSAL OF SUPREME COURT
- 7 **JUDGMENTS.**
- 8 The Congress may, if two thirds of each House agree,
- 9 reverse a judgment of the United States Supreme Court—

- 1 (1) if that judgment is handed down after the 2 date of the enactment of this Act; and
- 3 (2) to the extent that judgment concerns the
- 4 constitutionality of an Act of Congress.

5 SEC. 3. PROCEDURE.

- 6 The procedure for reversing a judgment under section
- 7 2 shall be, as near as may be and consistent with the au-
- 8 thority of each House of Congress to adopt its own rules
- 9 of proceeding, the same as that used for considering
- 10 whether or not to override a veto of legislation by the
- 11 President.

12 SEC. 4. BASIS FOR ENACTMENT.

- 13 This Act is enacted pursuant to the power of Con-
- 14 gress under article III, section 2, of the Constitution of
- 15 the United States.

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