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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 2005

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, 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

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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 “Government Account-  
5       ability and Streamlining Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR GAO STATEMENTS ON LEGISLA-**  
7                       **TION PROVIDING NEW ENTITY, PROGRAM, OR**  
8                       **FUNCTION.**

9       (a) GAO STATEMENT REQUIRED.—The Comptroller  
10       General shall, to the extent practicable, prepare for each  
11       bill or joint resolution of a public character reported by  
12       any subcommittee or committee of the House or Rep-  
13       resentatives or the Senate, and submit to such sub-  
14       committee or committee, a statement containing—

15               (1) a determination of whether new Federal en-  
16       tities, programs, or functions are authorized by the  
17       bill or resolution; and

18               (2) if a new entity, program, or function is so  
19       authorized, a determination of—

20                       (A) whether an existing Federal entity or  
21       program carries out functions that are the same  
22       or similar to those authorized by the bill or res-  
23       olution; and

24                       (B) if such an entity or program exists,  
25       whether such entity or program may more ef-

1           fectively and efficiently perform the functions  
2           and carry out the purposes of the bill or resolu-  
3           tion than the entity or program authorized by  
4           the bill or resolution.

5           (b) REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE GAO STATEMENT IN  
6   REPORTS ON LEGISLATION.—Whenever a committee of ei-  
7   ther House reports to its House a bill or joint resolution  
8   of a public character, the report accompanying that bill  
9   or joint resolution shall contain the statement prepared  
10  by the Comptroller General for that bill or resolution  
11  under subsection (a). If the statement is not available  
12  when the committee report is filed, the committee shall  
13  make such information available to Members as soon as  
14  practicable upon submission of the statement to the com-  
15  mittee by the Comptroller General.

16          (c) EXERCISE OF CONGRESSIONAL RULEMAKING  
17  POWER.—The provisions of this Act are enacted by Con-  
18  gress—

19           (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of  
20   the House of Representatives and the Senate, re-  
21   spectively, and as such they shall be considered a  
22   part of the rules of the House of Representatives  
23   and the Senate and such rules shall supersede other  
24   rules only to the extent that they are inconsistent  
25   therewith; and

1           (2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
2     right of either House to change such rules (so far  
3     as relating to such House) at any time, in the same  
4     manner, and to the same extent as in the case of  
5     any other rule of such House.

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