

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 201

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mr. STEARNS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and 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 2009”.

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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