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H. R. 3350

To amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require roll call votes acknowledging the effect of the costs of legislation on the national debt.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2009

Ms. JENKINS (for herself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. BOREN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KING of New York, Mr. GOHMERT, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. MCCARTHY of California, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. PAUL, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. COLE, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. GOODLATTE, and Mr. SOUDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Debt Accountability
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. EFFECT OF COSTS OF LEGISLATION.**

5 Title IV of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 **“PART C—EFFECT OF COSTS OF LEGISLATION**

8 **“SEC. 431. LEGISLATION SUBJECT TO POINT OF ORDER.**

9 “(a) ENFORCEMENT.—It shall not be in order in the
10 Senate or the House of Representatives to consider any
11 bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or conference re-
12 port that would increase the deficit or decrease the surplus
13 for any fiscal year unless the Senate or the House of Rep-
14 resentatives, as the case may be, by roll call vote, acknowl-
15 edges the costs that would be incurred in carrying out
16 such measure, as estimated by the Director of the Con-
17 gressional Budget Office, and any effect those costs might
18 have on the national debt.

19 “(b) DISPOSITION OF POINTS OF ORDER.—As dis-
20 position of points of order under subsection (a), the Chair
21 shall put the question to the chamber, ‘Notwithstanding
22 the acknowledgment that the [insert bill, joint resolution,
23 amendment, motion, or conference report, as applicable]
24 would increase the deficit or decrease the surplus, shall
25 the [insert House or Senate, as applicable] now consider

1 the [insert bill, joint resolution, amendment, motion, or
2 conference report, as applicable]?’.”.

3 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

4 The table of contents set forth in section 1(b) of the
5 Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of
6 1974 is amended by inserting after the item relating to
7 section 428 the following:

“PART C—EFFECT OF COSTS OF LEGISLATION

“Sec. 431. Legislation subject to point of order.”.

