

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3993

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2014

Mr. BENTIVOLIO (for himself and Mr. BENISHEK) 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

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 “Spending Account-
5 ability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN PAY OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IF**
 2 **BUDGET DEFICIT EXISTED AT END OF PRE-**
 3 **VIOUS YEAR.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601(a)(2) of the Legisla-
 5 tive Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 31(2)) is
 6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(C) If the total outlays of the Government during
 8 a fiscal year exceed the total revenues of the Government
 9 during that fiscal year, as determined by the Congres-
 10 sional Budget Office—

11 “(i) each annual rate of pay referred to in para-
 12 graph (1) shall be reduced by 15 percent for all pay
 13 periods occurring during the next calendar year
 14 which begins after that fiscal year; and

15 “(ii) no adjustment may be made under sub-
 16 paragraph (A) in any such rate of pay during that
 17 next calendar year.”.

18 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 601(a)(2)(A)
 19 of such Act is amended by striking “Subject to subpara-
 20 graph (B),” and inserting “Subject to subparagraphs (B)
 21 and (C),”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 23 this section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2014
 24 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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